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REDS WITHIN THREE MILES OF NANKING

Ship Radios SOS

Manila, Apr. 22.—RCA intercepted a distress call from Singapore Radio saying that the m Tungnan, sailing from Wenchow to Foochow, hit a rock during fog and was in a "very dangerous" situation.

The message said, "Want to save passengers from danger."

It added that the ship's original SOS was sent at 6.40 p.m. Thursday. The position was given as 27.04 N. and 120.56 E.—United Press.

Accused Of Murdering Five Women

Cologne, Apr. 21.—A German waitress accused of murdering five women admitted in court today that she doped them with narcotics and then robbed them.

"But I only intended to steal, I never wanted to murder," Frau Swinka, aged 37, insisted.

"I only gave my drugs to women who looked well and to whom it seemed the drugs would do no harm," she said.

Frau Swinka is accused of robbing 40 women in many different North German cities, all with the same technique: she would visit a woman living alone, it is alleged, usually on the pretext of needing a room, induce her hostess to drink a cup of coffee and dope the coffee. Or even, it is further alleged, get the victim to eat a narcotic tablet on the assurance that it contained vitamins.

"After the victim fell unconscious, I looted the flat and took off," she testified.

Five of her alleged victims died.

The court's verdict is expected next week.

Two men are on trial with her as alleged accomplices in her thefts.—Associated Press.

Launch Attack On A Narrow Front

PUCHENG REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN

Nanking, Apr. 22.—A Nationalist military source said today that the Communists fought to within three miles of Nanking. He said an attacking force of unascertained strength started to drive on a five-mile front two to three miles north of Nanking. He said that heavy fighting was at present in progress from little northwest Pucheng. Pukow is directly opposite Nanking and Pucheng is three miles north of Nanking.

An unofficial source said that Pucheng has fallen to the Communists but the report was not yet confirmed officially. The loss of Pucheng and Pukow would bare Nanking even to Communist rifle fire.

It was believed that the intensifying Communist drive against the bridgeheads defending Nanking was designed primarily to push artillery within easy firing distance of Nanking's two airfields and railway stations, thereby to bottle up the government officials' routes of escapes to Canton.

Railway stations and airfields were said to be already within the range of Communist artillery but thus far there was no shelling presumably because the Communist artillery was busily engaged in supporting the infantry.

An eyewitness said the Communists this evening fired several flares from north Pucheng to the river bank.

Full-dress evacuation of the government was scheduled to start on Friday but official circles predicted that the Communists would not make an immediate attempt to cross the river toward Nanking. The night curfew here lengthened one hour tonight to permit a citywide census and check subversive elements in face of the Communist advance.

Heavy fighting was also reported at bridgeheads opposite Chenkiang, 45 miles east of Nanking. Nationalist forces were rushed there to reinforce the hard-pressed government troops.

The Military News Agency said that the bridgehead, Shihcrhyu, was lost by government troops holding Kunchow, Liuyu and Passinchow. It said the Communist artillery was at present shelling Takang, south bank river port 53 miles east of Nanking, to soften the Nationalist defence.

President Li Tsung-Jen originally announced that he would meet the press on Friday morning, but later cancelled the meeting because of a sudden plan to hold an emergency meeting.—United Press.

COMBINED ACTION

Nanking, Apr. 22.—Combined land, sea and air forces were reported last night by the Nationalist Military News Agency to be moving to exterminate the Red forces which early yesterday crossed the Yangtse 80 miles south-west of Nanking.

The Agency said that three Red armies had opened artillery attacks from three small islands in the Yangtse opposite Tikiangchen.

Several thousand Communist soldiers have succeeded in crossing the River.

From Nanking last night five special train-loads of soldiers were sent in a southward direction to Tangpu 30 miles from the capital where another crossing is threatened.

The Pukow perimeter was quiet last night.—Reuter-AAP.

LAST DITCH FIGHT

Nanking, Apr. 21.—It was reliably learned today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has placed all military, political and economic power in the hands of Acting President Li Tsung-jen to lead a last ditch fight to save China from Communism.

Meanwhile, the Communist capture of Kiangpu, putting Nanking directly under the Communist threat, compelled the government to speed up its plan of evacuating the capital.

The Government was understood to have ordered the complete evacuation of the Executive, Legislative, Control, Examination and Judicial Yuans within three days. The Legislative Yuan has decided to close its sessions tomorrow. Li Tsung-jen and Premier Ho Ying-chin will immediately leave after the evacuation of the five Yuans.

A reliable source said that Li Tsung-jen wanted to quit his office for his failure in his effort to make peace with the Communists, but was asked by Chiang Kai-shek to remain. The source said Li has now agreed to stay.

Chiang Kai-shek was said to have instructed that all armed forces and economic resources be put under his control to lead the fight against the Communists. It was recalled that Chiang Kai-shek, though retired, was retaining actual command of the Army and other power.—United Press.

ANOTHER CROSSING

Nanking, Apr. 22.—Three thousand Communists crossed the Yangtse four miles east of Chinkiang, which is 40 miles east of Nanking this morning, according to latest reports reaching the capital.—Reuter.

Riots In Asmara

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 21.—Unconfirmed reports reaching here today from Asmara, capital of Italy's former Red Sea colony of Eritrea, said a number of Italians had been killed and wounded in racial riots there.

The African population was demanding the evacuation of all Europeans and a union with Ethiopia, the reports said. They added that a curfew had been imposed on all Europeans except the military.

Reuter's correspondent at Asmara reported on April 11 that British troops were patrolling the town after an Italian had been shot by Eritreans. A curfew was expected.

Earlier, the British administration in Eritrea had outlawed the youth section of the "Eritrea to Ethiopia" Party on the ground that it had carried on subversive activity likely to endanger public security.—Reuter.

Karens Fly White Flag

INSEIN SURRENDER POSSIBLE

Rangoon, Apr. 21. — A white flag fluttering on top of a building identified as the Karen National Defence Organisation Administration office at Insein, 10 miles North of Rangoon, virtually suspended military operations for the last 24 hours, it was officially confirmed today.

Pro-Government sources said that Burma Army authorities are checking whether this signifies a total Karen surrender in Insein or one sector alone.

The Insein battle intensified on April 8 after a four-day cease fire during vain attempts to negotiate peace.

Subsequently the Karens withdrew to the centre for a possible last stand as government pressure increased.

Ninety miles North of Rangoon, fires were raging in the Burmese countryside as Karens set ablaze scores of Burmese villages around the railway town of Nyaunglebin.

RECKLESS ATTACKS

Official reports said that the Karens since Monday had been hurling themselves recklessly in practically nonstop attempts to capture Nyaunglebin, where land forces were holding them off with air support.

More than 500 Karens are participating in the battle.

Their attacks are spearheaded by armoured cars, three of which have been captured by the government forces.

More than 150 Karens have so far been killed, while the toll of wounded mounts steadily.

The reports added that while the Karens continue to hammer at Nyaunglebin, Communists to the South of the town destroyed a railway bridge, halting traffic.

Meanwhile, the 48-hour Burma Army ultimatum to the White Band PVOs and Communists seeking to dominate Mandalay expired yesterday.

No reports have been received on the latest situation in the town.

Sources closest to the government do not believe that the rebels will accept its challenge.

They said rebels are likely to attempt to escape from Mandalay in civilian disguise.—Associated Press.

RAF Rocket Firing Planes Alerted To Stand By For Yangtse Action

FIFTEEN MEN KILLED ON THE LONDON: TOTAL CASUALTIES: 42 DEAD, 60 WOUNDED

London, Apr. 21.—Rocket firing Royal Air Force planes operating against Malayan insurgents have been alerted for possible action against the Chinese Communist forces battering British warships on the Yangtse River.

The disclosure was made after the Admiralty announced that the Communist shore batteries on the Yangtse had forced two British warships to return to Shanghai with damages and casualties after preventing the vessels from reaching the disabled sloop, Amethyst.

It was understood that the RAF, in co-operation with the Royal Navy, had prepared an emergency plan to fly Spitfires, Mosquitoes and Beaufighters, all equipped with rockets, from Malaya to the Yangtse River.

Air Ministry officials said that Air Commodore A. D. Davies, was "in full collaboration" with British Navy officials in Hongkong on the Yangtse fighting.

The heavily armoured twin-engined Beaufighters have strong fire power in addition to rockets and have been used in the past for special strafing duties against ground artillery. The twin-engined Mosquitoes and the single-engined Spitfires have also been in Malayan jungles for special strafing jobs.

AIRCRAFT UNDER FIRE

An Admiralty spokesman said the Navy has no aircraft carrier in the Far East. The Admiralty report on the Yangtse action said that the 10,000 ton cruiser, London, and the frigate, Black Swan, have been forced back to Shanghai to land casualties and "effect essential damage repairs."

The Admiralty announced that an RAF Sunderland flying boat pierced Communist shell fire and landed near the Amethyst to render medical assistance. A doctor aboard the flying boat carried medical equipment aboard the Amethyst. The announcement said that the Sunderland succeeded in arriving at the scene even though she was continually fired upon during the operation.

The Admiralty said the Amethyst was not evacuating all of her wounded to nearby Chenkiang hospital. — United Press.

CASUALTY TOLL

Shanghai, Apr. 22.—Forty-two Royal Navy personnel dead and 60 wounded—this was the toll of the two-day Communist artillery attacks on British warships on the Yangtse.

The 10,000-ton cruiser London steamed into port last night with 15 dead and 20 wounded. The destroyer Black Swan arrived together with the London. She suffered no fatal casualties but five sailors were seriously wounded.

A tabulation of the casualties showed the following: Amethyst, 17 dead, 20 wounded; London, 15 dead and 20 wounded; Black Swan, none dead and five wounded: Consort, 10 dead and 15 wounded.

A British naval statement said that a mass funeral of the fatal casualties will take place tomorrow morning.

With about 12 large holes in her hull the cruiser London was today berthed at Holt's Wharf across the Whangpoo at Pootung. The holes in the hull were stuffed with hammocks.

WITHOUT WARNING

According to the crew of the ship she was shelled by five artillery batteries without any warning as she attempted to approach the Amethyst. It was only after a second salvo from shore batteries that the London replied.

The London was only 300 yards from the bank when she was struck.

All the long planned celebrations in honour of St George's Day, including a ball and a reception by the British Consul-General, Mr R. W. Urquhart, have been cancelled as a result of the Amethyst incident.—Reuter.

SUCCESSFUL MISSION

Singapore, Apr. 21. — The RAF Sunderland flying boat from Hongkong which succeeded in landing medical supplies to HMS Amethyst has now returned to Shanghai, according to messages received here.

A message received direct from the Amethyst indicated the ship has been subjected to intermittent fire for the past 36 hours, but is now relatively safe from any further direct hits.

The Sunderland also came under fire but was not hit.

The Navy said that shortly after the Sunderland took off, the Amethyst moved up a small creek near where she was aground yesterday and out of line of fire from the Communist batteries on the bank of the Yangtse.

The message from the Amethyst said that when the Sunderland got beyond range of the shore batteries, they switched their fire to the ship. Royal Navy officers here said the message did not elaborate, indicating there were no casualties during the last barrage.

NEAR MISSES

The Amethyst's message suggested that if any other flying boats were sent to her aid they should land in the same creek where she was now apparently anchored. The message reported near misses on the Sunderland while she was transferring a doctor and medicine to the ship.

RN officers said the fact that the Amethyst had shifted her anchorage indicated she was now able to manoeuvre, but would probably be pinned down by enfilading fire from shore batteries if she attempted to move from her present position. Otherwise, they said, she would have probably attempted a dash down river to Shanghai instead of anchoring in the creek.

It was understood here that Lieut-Commander B. M. Skinner, captain of the Amethyst, was still aboard the ship but had been wounded. — United Press.

PRESS REACTION

London, Apr. 21.—The Conservative Daily Mail today termed the Chinese Communist attack on British ships in the Yangtse River "naked aggression."

In a front-page editorial, the Mail said: "Those who have been killed are victims of murder. Britain must exact retribution and demand punishment."

The paper asked: "How is it the Chinese dare to attack our warships? Such action would have been inconceivable, even a few years ago.

"For answer, let us look at Singapore. The echoes from the fall of that 'impregnable' British fortress in 1942 are still rumbling round the world and its effects are still being felt.

"A nation which appears to be weak and unwilling to enforce its rights gets no respect in this world. Power, as we have said time and again, is still the thing that counts."

The Conservative Daily Express, the only other London paper to comment editorially on the Yangtse incident so far, noted that the Amethyst was carrying supplies to Nanking at a time "when it was known the Communist armies were about to launch a grand assault across the river."

It asked: "Was the best method adopted to carry supplies to Nanking?"—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Yangtse River Incidents

THE shelling of four British warships engaged on peaceful missions in the Yangtse, and the heavy casualties resulting therefrom ranks among the most deplorable incidents calculated to affect international relations. The full facts are yet to be determined, but there are strong grounds for believing that while, in the case of the Amethyst, the attack was perhaps accidental, the shelling of the Consort, London and Black Swan were wilfully deliberate, and because of this the Imperial Government cannot avoid taking a very serious view. The British Ambassador is reported already to have instructed his Consul in Tientsin to submit a note of protest to Mao Tse-tung in Peiping, and it is conceivable that, given assurances concerning the future safety of British ships as well as private lives and property, the unfortunate affair could be regarded as closed. But the shelling of two warships; a full 24 hours after the attack on the Amethyst, has gravely aggravated an already deplorable situation. If it was, in fact, Communist guns which damaged British warships and killed and wounded British sailors (and the Embassy at Nanking appears to be fairly satisfied on this point) then these three incidents appear to indicate that the Chinese Reds do not intend to respect the ordinary rights of peaceful third parties within China. Even acknowledging the warships were moving along the Yangtse in a zone where the Communists were preparing to reopen the civil war fighting, this cannot be held out as an excuse for the attacks on British ships, the identity of which could hardly be mistaken. And if one generously concedes that in the case of the Amethyst the shelling was an accidental error of judgment, no stretch of the imagination permits the same explanation with regard to the Consort, London and Black Swan. The Amethyst was on a mercy mission in which she was entitled to be engaged; and subsequently the other vessels went to the scene of the action for the sole purpose of rendering assistance to the stricken ship and to those who were wounded: in other words, they too were on mercy missions—and of real urgency. There was nothing belligerent about their actions and, therefore, the unprovoked attacks made upon them cannot be justified in any way. In years past these distressing events would have been sufficient to create an international furore with ultimatums issued to the offenders. But nations today are a little more level headed, and while the shelling of our warships and the loss of British lives cannot, but stir emotions of horror and indignation, there is no reason to believe that the situation cannot be satisfactorily handled through diplomatic channels. But two requirements stand out clearly: the Chinese Communists must give solemn assurances that there will be no repetition of these unwarranted attacks against British lives and property within China. And the Reds must be prepared to guarantee safe conduct for ships using the Yangtse river or other inland waterways on peaceful missions. These are the minimum conditions for settling the Yangtse River incidents, and if they are not fulfilled, Britain may find it necessary to review the whole situation and take whatever action she feels necessary to safeguard her nationals and their interests in China.

STOP PRESS

RESCUE PARTY APRIVES

Nanking, Apr. 22.—A four-man rescue party made contact with the Amethyst late yesterday and will endeavour to evacuate the wounded from the sloop and take them to Chinkiang where reception has been arranged for them by the Chinese Navy, according to Chinkiang reports.

The Amethyst's surgeon, Lt-Cdr. J. W. Packard, a British military attache and a Chinese doctor remained aboard last night assisting the wounded who were without morphia until their arrival.

Latest reports say that the Amethyst was under fire again from the north bank.—Reuter.

2 More Amethyst Victims Die

Nanking, Apr. 22.—Twenty casualties from the Amethyst already evacuated from the sloop have reached Chinkiang, where after medical treatment they will entrain for Shanghai.

Two died en route to Chinkiang. Another eight are in process of being transferred.—Reuter.

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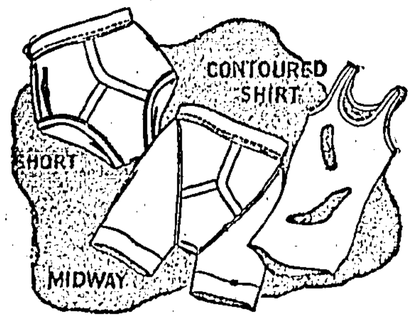

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Fur Coat Farm

by EILEEN ASCROFT

London.

BRITISH mink breeders could produce a pelt, equalling the beauty of Canadian ranch products, at a much lower cost and show a profit of £3 a pelt, according to a German mink expert, Herr Heer.

The reason is that fish offal and condemned meat from slaughter-houses are available here in large quantities, and are much cheaper than the costly muscle - meat feeding technique in North America.

Herr Heer is joining a new British fur-producing company, which aims to produce 10,000 minks a year. Livestock can be bought by the public and kept on the farms, who will look after feeding, breeding, raising and selling the animals and their offspring.

There's an idea here for the woman who would like to breed her own mink coat!

Stoles in fur are fashionable this spring and summer. They can be worn with one end clipped in to give one-sleeve effect, or belted with the ends turned under to form a muff.

★ *THE HATS are London models made for export to America. . . .*

★ *THE DRESS is a washable evening frock in cotton.*

Summer parties

★ Now that French Bordeaux wines are again available, many attractive drinks can be made for summer parties. Here are three specials.

Claret Cup.—Pare the rind of a lemon and put it into a bowl. Add a little sugar and pour on a glass of sherry. Add a bottle of claret, decorate with fruit and mint. Top up with soda water, add grated nutmeg. Allow it to stand for an hour then strain and ice. This drink will cost about 15s. to make.

Julep—Put two or three sprigs of mint in a tumbler. Add sugar. Pour on ¼ pint Graves. Slice in half a lemon, top up with ice, and serve with straws.

Sauterne Special.—Take a pint glass and dissolve one teaspoonful of sugar in a little water. Slice in an orange and add ice. Top up with Sauterne.

Duchess's hats

★ Madame Elfrieda, who makes hats for the Duchess of Kent, has been showing me some of her autumn felts ordered for America. Sigrid has sketched two of the models —a large felt with loose adaptable brim, which will be popular with autumn suits, and a little cap model, which was made for the Duchess of Kent in both red and brown, trimmed with spotted eye veil.

Sequins too

★ Evening dresses shown by couturiere Helen Chandler, were outstanding for their detail work and exquisite embroidery.

One strapless gown in pink-pearl slipper-satin, had a petal top and was worn with a black lace mantilla. A crimson lake satin, in off-the-shoulder style with small dropped sleeves, was heavily embroidered with sequins on the corsage. Unusual trimming was "Gold Bullion" embroidery, used on admirals' uniforms.

Smart in cotton

★ Having seen the all-cotton wardrobe of America's Maid of Cotton, Sue Howell, I can say that British cottons this season are lovelier, smarter and more practical.

The charming Susan Small evening frock (above) will wash like a rag. The supporting bones can be removed from the bodice for laundering. It has a matching stole for chilly evenings.

Marriage rules

★ Interesting development in the Marriage Bureau business may gain official recognition for some agencies and drive others out of business.

Four of the biggest bureaux are forming an association with agreed rules of procedure. The Marriage Guidance Council have sent committees of inquiry to examine each of these four agencies and their findings may result in recognition of the Association.

One bureau tells me that they have 12 females' inquiries to every one male, children seem to be no barrier to re-marriage, and most men seem strongly averse to marrying women with larger income or equal pay to their own.

Argentine way

★ Current craze in New York is for a new card game, Canasta, an Argentine form of rummy. Dress designer Hardy Amies brought me a book of rules back from America and tells me it can be played by two, three, four or six players, with two packs of cards and four jokers.

—*(London Express Service).*

Keeping Babies To A Schedule—

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WHEN I was a boy I observed that young lambs, calves and colts got food from their mothers when they were hungry, nourished by the self-demand method. The mother usually co-operated with the baby animal, though as the offspring grew older the mother did not always respond favourably to the baby animal's wishes. She would sometimes show signs of irritation and nervousness over the youngling's importunities.

But the animal mother had no worries about training the baby to fit a schedule, though in the case of the horse or cow, the farmer often controlled the schedule.

Self-Demand Method

With the human infant the self-demand method of feeding seems satisfactory physically. And for the nursing mother, who during her first few weeks may have ample time, there may be no great inconvenience. But there soon comes a time when the mother, whether she nurses the infant or feeds him from a bottle, may find her sleep unduly disturbed at night and when the needs of the family may render the programme of eating periods the baby chooses very inconvenient to her. And if the baby should choose to change his night to day for most of his waking time and most frequent hunger periods, the inconvenience to the mother may be very great, indeed.

On the credit side is the mother's good conscience at letting the baby eat whenever he likes and not worrying about training him to schedule. If she really is bound on the self-demand method she has no occasion to fret and feel nervous about the matter, which to some mothers would be a very big item. Then the mother might just be lucky. Her infant might gradually and very soon adapt himself to a pretty good schedule. A few infants really do, it is said. But a great many of them don't. Then if the self-demand method is still followed when the infant is five, eight or ten months of age, the consequences, obviously, might prove pretty unsatisfactory to the mother. In these protracted cases the mother may suppose she should go on indefinitely feeding the youngster when he seems to be hungry. We also might expect this mother to carry these self-demand principles to all matters concerning the youngster's wishes, as a result of which he easily might become a little tyrant.

Inconsistent Schedule

We should bear in mind that some mothers who say they held the first one, two or three babies to a schedule and tried the self-demand method on the next baby with "very satisfactory results," probably were inconsistent about schedules with the other children, having held out until "I got so nervous I couldn't stand it any longer." These mothers did not really follow a schedule, but just fooled themselves that they did.

Any mother who doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to stick with reasonable closeness to a schedule should be honest with herself and accept the self-demand method.

It's my guess that after the fad of the self-demand method has spent its publicity force it will be modified to be somewhat as follows: Feed the infant when he seems to be hungry during his first two or three weeks. Keep a rough record of the intervals between feedings he has chosen. Then with the pediatrician's guidance, select a schedule and hold the baby reasonably close to it. Revise the schedule after several more weeks and at later intervals, on the advice of the pediatrician.

FONTAINE PREFERS COMEDIES

By PATRICIA CLARY

ONE of the happiest stars in Hollywood these days is Joan Fontaine.

Miss Fontaine is a cheerful wife, a new mother and the star of a comedy that's doing good business.

"I'm not going to get an Academy Award," she said, "but I had a lot of fun."

Although there's nothing Miss Fontaine likes better than being a comedienne, she has made her reputation on dramatic roles. She scored a sensational hit in her first starring role, the highly dramatic "Rebecca." She was so good that the Motion Picture Academy, which passed her up, shamefacedly gave her the Academy Award next year for "Suspicion," also dramatic.

All her pictures have been tearjerkers since then except "Affairs of Susan," four years ago, which failed to jerk much of anything.

"I don't mind dramatic roles, or I wouldn't have done so many," Miss Fontaine said. "But I'd like to do more comedies. They're good for me professionally and personally. I'm a different person when I'm doing a comedy."

Drama Tiresome

During a difficult dramatic role, Miss Fontaine comes home tired and grouchy at night. But while she was making Universal-International's "You Gotta Stay Happy," she felt wonderful.

"I was really cheerful at home in the evenings," she said. "My husband will corroborate this difference in me."

William Dozier, who is also president of Rampart Productions, which made the picture, does corroborate it.

"She's been happier than she was on any of her other pictures," he said.

Miss Fontaine took a vacation after "You Gotta Stay Happy," to have young Deborah Leslie Dozier. She already was committed for a drama as her next, but she says the second picture after the birth will be a comedy.

"Good comedy stories are hard to find, though," she said. "We're still looking for one."

Care Of Floors In The Home

By ELEANOR ROSS

TAKING care of floors in the master house cleaning plan need not take up too much time if floors and coverings are kept in good condition and not allowed to deteriorate.

Linoleum should be properly laid, with no cracks to gather dirt or moisture. Each day it should be gone over lightly with a long-handled mop, slightly damp. Once a week give it a going over with warm water and soap. Use mild soap and warm water. Before waxing or varnishing, give it a good going-over with suds and water, washing and drying each area at a time before moving on to the next.

Long-Handled Brush

For scrubbing tiled surfaces, use a long-handled scouring brush. This will save those pesky "cricks" in the back, and make lighter a task that otherwise would be quite tiring. If a tile floor is badly stained, it might be a good idea to use a little muriatic acid or a mild abrasive. But try to keep tiled surfaces clean with soap and water. Rinse off the soapy water before you permit it to dry, otherwise you may have streaks. Coloured tile floors can be cleaned the same way.

Varnished, lacquered or waxed wood floors should be washed with a cloth or mop wrung out of warm soapsuds; rinsed—and wiped dry immediately. Finish one small section at a time.

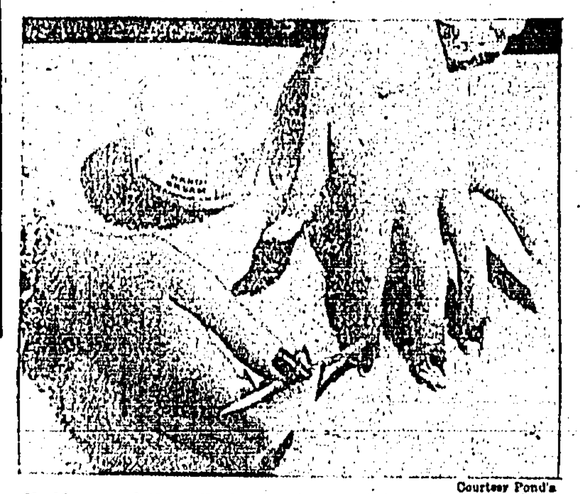
Change The Water

Always change the water in the pail when it becomes dirty. If employing outside help, watch to see that this is done. Soap can't clean when water is dirty. When suds have all the water they can hold, it is time to throw away the water, and start again with clean suds.

If there are leather furnishings in the house, go over them at least once, in the Spring and in Autumn. Rub over the leather surfaces with a little neatsfoot oil, liquid wax or a special leather preparation.

CO-ED Mary Jane Abdill, of Alexandria, Pa., wears this slack suit in Florida. Made for playtime, it's blouse is multi-coloured with long collar.

Have the Right Tools Handy For Hurry-Up Home Manicure



Courtesy Pond's

If skin around the nail edge has become dry, apply a good hand cream; work it in with an orange wood stick.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If time is at your heels and you can't spare a precious hour for a manicure at the beauty shop, do get the right tools for home care. Buy the best, because they will last a lifetime. You will need a long flexible file of high grade steel with grooves that cut quickly. You must also have a pair of curved, needle-point scissors for snipping away hangnails. Of course, if you take proper care of those pretty pink sheaths, you won't have shags in the cuticle that surrounds them. It is only when the flesh becomes attached to the nail fabric that breaks come. Hangnails are dangerous; they cause open wounds that invite infection.

By soaking the hands well after your nightly face washing the cuticle will be soft. That is the time to use the orange wood stick, lifting the skin gently. You can do that little thing best by sending the stick in tiny circles, working from the eaves down toward the base, against which there must never be any pressure, as there is a possibility of injuring the matrix, causing a deformed or ridged nail.

Some women refrain from applying cuticle cream over polish, having an idea that it will cause the polish to go spotty. That does not happen to be the case. However, there must be no oil there when the polish is applied. And, incidentally, a good hand cream worked in around the cuticle will help keep the skin at the edge of the nail soft.

If you cannot find a high grade file, use emery boards. They are always available, cost next to nothing. File from the sides—don't saw down into the flesh—and work toward the centre. The correct shape is a pleasing oval. Extremely long nails are frowned upon by beauticians; they are not in fashion. Of course, if the nails are short and wide, the eaves should extend over the ends of the finger to form a more pleasing contour.

For keeping the eaves neat, you can use nail white and an orange wood stick or a nail pencil, the pencil usually does a better job.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Hollywood Recipes

ON a recent trip to Hollywood, the Chef and I were invited to visit a large movie company.

The "Green Room Restaurant" turned out to be restfully decorated in blue. Blue rubber-tiled floor, walls painted light blue, blonde woodwork and blue leather upholstered chairs. The room was bubbling with chatter and laughter.

"Can you spare a few looks to gaze at the menu?" I asked the Chef. "Then perhaps you'll find out what makes them so beautiful."

Simple Menu

"At first glance I do not find the secret," commented the Chef. "This is a very simple menu. Very good sandwiches, interesting salads and cold meats, steaks and chops with vegetables. And see these specialties of the day. Roast lamb with string beans, sea food patty, grilled veal steak, roast loin of pork, Irish stew and omelette with chicken livers. Among the desserts are fruit-gel and sherbets. Look, Madame! See what many of them are eating. They are eating like real people! How do they manage to keep their figures?"

"They have really learned how to balance their meals to keep their weight even. This is what is known as a maintenance diet, which allows maximum amounts of protein; limited quantities of bread, potatoes, desserts, sugar and fats; plenty of cooked vegetables and raw salads; low calorie desserts; and all the fresh fruit they want."

Anyone Can Do It

"This is not complicated, it is so simple anyone can do it, Madame. Is this what they call the Hollywood diet?"

"Oh, no, that's already been forgotten. Actually the problem of some of these screen stars is to add a few pounds, for curves have come into fashion."

"These artists realise that their livelihood depends on good health and good looks," I explained. "They have learned that this depends to a large extent on carefully selected, simple foods. So they eat three balanced meals a day and avoid snacks and in-between sweets and drinks. They have learned to say 'no' to alluring, rich fancy foods. And their reward is self evident."

Dinner

Green Room Salad Bowl
Irish Lamb Stew Crouton Dumplings
Pineapple-Banana Sherbet
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Green Room Salad Bowl

This should be arranged individually. Nearly fill the bowls with crisp mixed salad greens broken in bite-sized pieces. Top with 2 thin half-moons cut from pared ripe avocado. Heap with grated sharp cheddar cheese. Surround with a few small pieces of sliced tomato and red skinned apple, arranged alternately. Pass tomato French dressing.

Irish Lamb Stew With Crouton Dumplings

Remove as much fat and bone as possible from 2 lbs. stewing lamb, or use breast of lamb shanks. Cut the meat in inch cubes. Add 1½ qts. boiling water, 1½ tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper. Bring to boiling point, and simmer 1½ hrs. Then add 1¼ c. scraped carrots cut in inch lengths, 4 quartered, peeled medium-sized onions, and 4 pealed white potatoes sliced thick. Cover and simmer until tender, about 30 min. longer. Then stir in 3 tbsp. flour blended with 3 tbsp. cold water or tomato juice, and 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce; simmer 2 min. longer.

If dumplings are to be cooked with the stew make them small. In this case place them on top of stew 10 min. before it should be done. Cover and simmer the remaining 10 min.

Crouton Dumplings: Combine 1½ c. biscuit mix with ½ c. tiny crisp-fried croutons, 1 tbsp. minced parsley and ½ tsp. powdered thyme. Add water as directed on the package in the dumpling recipe. Shape into walnut-sized balls; cook as directed.

Pineapple-Banana Sherbet

Drain the juice from 1 (No. 2) tin crushed pineapple. Put the pulp through the medium blade of the food chopper to make it very soft. Sprinkle 2 tsp. unflavoured granulated gelatin on 2 tbsp. of the pineapple juice. Then heat the remaining pineapple to boiling point and dissolve the gelatin in it. Add ½ c. sugar and stir until dissolved. Combine with the remaining pineapple; add ½ tbsp. lemon juice and 1 c. banana pulp made by rubbing 2 large or 3 small fully ripe bananas through a sieve or food mill. Pour into the freezing tray of an automatic refrigerator and freeze until half firm, about 1 hr. Beat 2 egg whites stiff but not dry. Scrape the frozen mixture into a deep, 2 qt. mixing bowl; add the beaten egg whites; beat with a rotary beater until light and fluffy but not melted. Quickly return to the freezing tray and continue to freeze again until firm, about 2 hrs.

Trick Of The Chef

The success of lamb stew depends on presentation as well as cooking. Use deep soup plates; put the meat and vegetables in first; top with 2 dumplings and a little minced parsley. Garnish with colourful vegetables around the edge or use cooked fresh or tinned peas.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES

SOUTHERN QUEEN—Miss Jeanne Ziegler, 21-year-old senior of Wayne, Pennsylvania, will rule as Queen over the 64th anniversary ceremonies of Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

DIPLOMATIC SKIER—W. Averell Harriman, United States Special Representative in Europe for the Economic Co-operation Administration, takes to skis at Arosa, Switzerland.

STEEL FRAME—The Capitol at Washington stands framed by the steelwork for the new South Capitol Street bridge which will span the Anacostia River in November.

HELLO, AMERICA!—Little Wolodymyr Kurinij, 18 months old, must have been anxious to see the Statue of Liberty when he arrived in New York. He is on his way from Charkow, in the Ukraine, to his family in Queenstown, Maryland.

$100,000 WATCH—Mrs Genny Mattli, of Switzerland, wears a 1750 watch she values at $100,000 at a New York antiques exhibition. It bears diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires.

FANCY FIGURE—Angela Wilson is the 5,000,000th extra player to be placed in a film by Hollywood's famed Central Casting Bureau. She's hoping for that one good break.

TREMENDOUS TRUCK—One of the world's largest trucks has just been completed in France. It has a capacity of 130 tons, is 86½ feet long, 13 feet tall and 15 feet wide.

TOKYO FESTIVAL—Young Japanese leap and chant as they escort a neighbourhood shrine in procession during a springtime family festival in the Konda district of Tokyo..

TOE HOLD—Held only by the bare feet of his wife, Madeline, and without benefit of a net below, Rene Geraldo swings 50 feet above the ground in the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus.

TWO WHEELS, NO HANDS—Bill Hynes, instructor, carries Vivian Kennedy as a passenger on a training trip aboard the newly-designed Jawa dual-control motorcycle in New York.

JUST LIKE HOME—Nancy Chaffee, of Ventura, California, is reminded of home as she arrives at New York's 7th Regiment Armoury for the national indoor tennis championship.

'PAT' ARRIVES—"Pat," a Bactrian camel, born on March 10, the eve of St. Patrick's Day, makes his way around a cage at the Central Park Zoo, in New York, guarded by his mother, "Elly."

IN 'THE WINDOW'—Barbara Hale, who played the school teacher in "The Boy with the Green Hair" is featured in a new film, "The Window," which is now in production.

HOUSE PAINTER—Deborah Kerr, British actress, paints her Santa Monica home when she is not in the studio in Hollywood.

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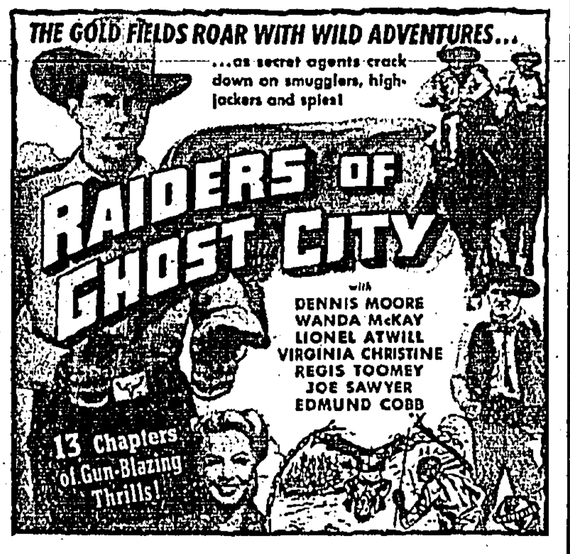

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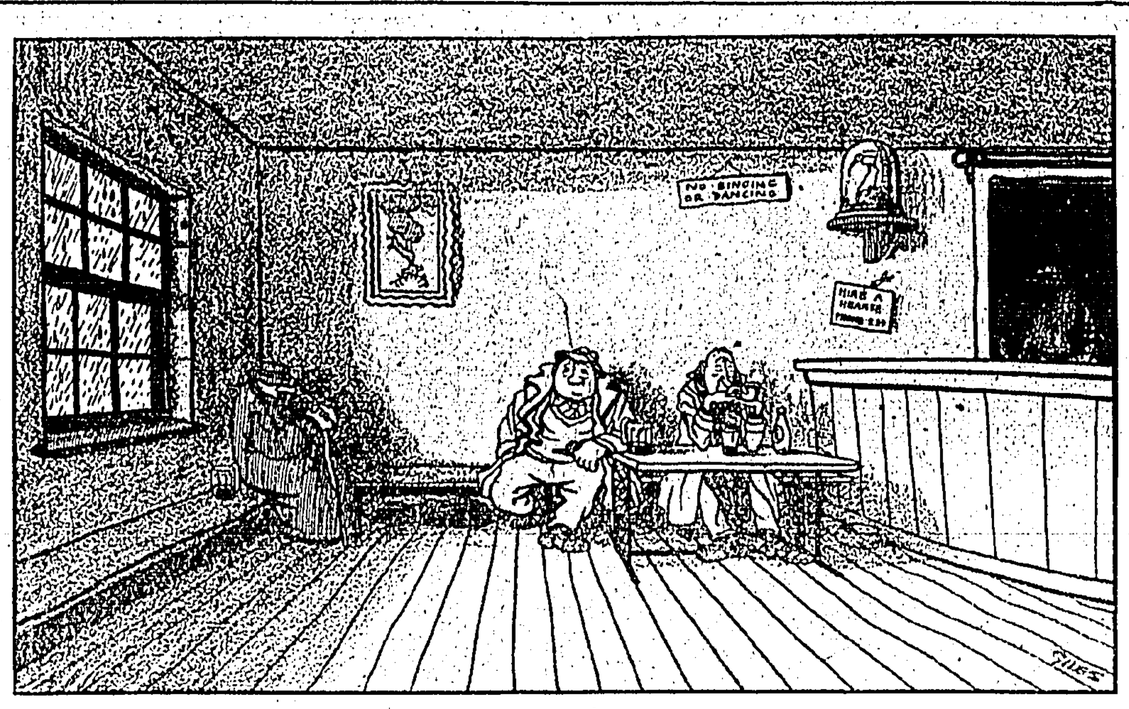


"Thank goodness he took a penny off beer or we'd have NOTHING to be cheerful about."

London Express Service

After the binge with Bevan, CRIPPS PRESENTS THE BILL

by W. J. BROWN, MP

AMONG the hymns which, as a choirboy, I used to sing long ago, was one which contained the lines—

"O, in what divers pains they met.
O, with what joy they went away."

It was with divers pains that *we* met. But it was not joy with which we went away.

There is, I am told, a certain fine, careless rapture about the process of becoming intoxicated. It is the getting sober again which is so awful.

Now we must go through all the agonies of the morning after the night before. After the debauch with Dalton, the binge with Bevan, comes the account from Cripps.

Sir Stafford presented his Budget in a speech which lasted two hours. He could have presented it in a speech of two words—"More austerity." He presented the Budget on a few sips of orange juice. But it required a stiff whisky and soda to take it.

Give And Take

LAST year the State took 4,000 millions out of a total national income of 10,000 millions. That is 40 percent. This year it will again take 4,000 millions. And unless something happens it will still be 40 percent.

Whatever Sir Stafford gave with one hand he took away with the other. A penny off the pint was promptly neutralised by 4d. a lb. on cheese and meat, 2d. on butter, 1d. on margarine, and a halfpenny on boxes of matches. A reduction in the duty on light wine, designed to help (a) the French, and (b) Mr Strachey (who can't sell the wine he has bought as Minister of Food at present prices), was immediately neutralised by a stiff increase in telephone rentals.

In a few sentences Sir Stafford brushed aside the TUC. Mr Maurice Webb, the Federation of British Industries, the Greyhound Racing Proprietors, the Motorcar Manufacturers, the Housewives' League, and a hundred more organisations and persons. The bill had been incurred. The bill must be met. The rest of his speech was a lecture on elementary economics for Socialist beginners. Its theme was: "What you have you pay for." As time went on the bill would become not smaller, but bigger. High taxation had come to stay.

Now my view of a Budgetary situation which demands taxation at the rate of 40 percent of the total national income is that, unless something happens, it portends bankruptcy at no distant date. True, there have been cases in history in which nations have been taxed by as much as 40 percent. But as Mr Graham Hutton has pointed out recently, none of them survived the experience.

There is less reason to suppose that we can do so. For we are less self-contained, less insulated from the pressure of external conditions than those cases which Mr Hutton quoted. Or, at least, we shall be shortly, when (a) Marshall Aid comes to an end, (b) Germany and Japan re-enter the world's markets, and (c) the buyers' market becomes universal.

Danger Ahead

THAT 40 percent level of taxation has two effects which must ultimately prove disastrous. To the extent that it comes out of earnings, it lowers the standard of life of the wage-earners, and robs them of the incentive to greater effort. To the extent that it comes out of profits, it diminishes the pool from which comes the investment which alone will prevent our plants from slowly running down by comparison with the plants of competing countries.

That 40 percent must come, in the last resort, out of the selling price of the goods we sell. If our "overheads," so to speak, are 40 percent, while the overheads of our competitors are 15, 20 or 25 percent, then other things being equal, we are at a disadvantage, as compared with them, in the markets of the world.

But other things are not equal. Or if they are, they will not remain so. A nation which, like the United States, takes in taxation only 25 percent of its wealth production, can spend more in repairing and replacing its industrial plant than a nation which takes 40 percent. The industrial machine of the latter will become less and less able to compete with that of the former.

Soaking the rich

BUT there are worse things than bankruptcy. It is a law of politics that parties of the Left come to power only in hard times. Because, when they come to power, times are hard, they can implement the promises on which they rose to power only by putting taxation at punitive levels.

This means destroying first the rich, and later the middle classes. But this incidentally removes the most solid barrier to social upheaval. For the "Left that is always to the left of the Left" can never be satisfied. Just as the Socialists outbid the Liberals, so later on the Communists outbid the Socialists.

But even a Communist state must produce and export. So it grapples with the problem of production by imposing on the workers a speed-up beyond anything that Bedaux ever contemplated, and enforces it with all the savage disciplines and repressions of the Police State. And, like the man who, having expelled one evil spirit, subsequently admitted seven others to his heart, "the last state is worse than the first."

One Way Out

NOW from the apparently remorseless inevitability of this process there is only one way out. What is it? To cut the social services, to cut the food subsidies, to cut education and the like? For a Socialist Government that would be impossible. And a Conservative Party which made this the basis of its election programme would have little chance of forming a new Government. What then? Must the 40 percent continue, with its inevitable consequences, when we are left to face the world unaided, of unemployment, wage-cuts, and the rest?

No. If the 40 percent cannot be cut it must be transformed. Four thousand millions out of 10 thousand millions is 40 percent. But four thousand millions out of 15 thousand millions would be only 30 percent. And four thousand millions out of 20 thousand millions would be only 20 percent. Twenty or 30 percent could be bearable, where 40 percent would cripple and kill.

For us, in this field as in almost every other, the way out lies in increased production. That, and that alone, can enable us to carry the immense and permanent additions we have made to our national expenditure.

A New Axe?

UNLESS we get it, then sooner or later we shall have a new Geddes Committee, a new Anderson Committee, a new May Committee (as we had after the first world war) to slash expenditure all round, social services included, as a condition of national survival.

The speech Cripps made was a brave speech. He told us bluntly we could get further improvements only out of increased production. But he will need to be braver yet before we are through. For—

A dastardly notion is gettin' about
That our bladder is bust and the gas oozin' out;
And unless we can manage in some way to stop it,
Why the thing's a gone coon, and we might as well drop it.
Brag works well at first, but it ain't jest the thing
For a steady investment the shiners to bring;
An' voting we're prosp'rous a hundred times over
Won't change bein' starved into livin' on clover. . . .

—(London Express Service).

C. V. R. THOMPSON'S AMERICAN LETTER

The Importance Of Kathy

New York.

ALL over the U.S. today, people—ordinary people as well as professional commentators — are talking along the same lines.

What they are saying amounts to this: "Well, maybe this is not such a bad world after all."

And what they mean is this: For about 48 hours roughly three-quarters of the globe stopped worrying about the atom bomb, politics, the cold war, taxes, or the cost of living, and devoted its worrying to a little girl trapped in a California well.

There was no mistaking the nation's real sorrow when it heard that the three-year-old child, Kathy Fiscus, was found drowned 95ft. down the well into which she fell while playing.

Never has so much help been offered from so many places so quickly.

Physical help locally, and "know-how" help by telephone and cable, came from Chicago, London, New York, Sydney, Rome, Detroit, Paris, and many more places.

Said a radio commentator who was on the spot: "It felt as if every mother and father in the world was just as involved as Kathy's own mother and father here in San Marino."

That, said a New York newspaper, is "the importance of Kathy." And it added: "Humanity, which has had so little to recommend it in recent centuries, looks very good when a little girl falls into a well."

BUT By NIGHTFALL Americans had returned sufficiently to normal to indulge in some comment over the county election results in Britain. New York's Daily Mirror published a cartoon showing tin-hatted Socialists panicking towards a bomb shelter to escape a rain of bombs labelled "Votes."

A RUNAWAY LORRY smashed through a house in Philadelphia and landed in the sitting-room. But Mrs. Margaret Roth, the occupant of the house, hardly gave a start. Explained Mrs Roth, a G.I. bride from Helensburgh, on the Clyde: "I was in London during the blitz."

THE FULL MEANING of that old phrase "a white elephant" was made clear to Mrs Freda Perry, a Pennsylvania steelworker's wife. She won a live, 8,000lb. elephant among £6,000 worth of prizes in a radio give-away programme.

"Gee," said Mrs Perry, who also won a flight across the Atlantic to London, and a week's holiday in the Shakespeare country, "I just do not know what to do with that elephant."

POLICEMEN in New York want their lot to be a more profitable one. They have made these demands—a five-day, 40-hour week, a month's holiday with pay every year, and £1,250 a year.

MOTORING: Christopher Janus, an American business man who bought one of Hitler's cars, is afraid some of its late owner's spirit has stayed with it. Recently a box of matches exploded in his hand while he was lighting a cigarette at the wheel, a fire extinguisher dropped on his foot and broke several bones, and he got a black eye bumping into the car's spotlight.

SCIENCE: The world's lightest solid, a plastic to be used for insulation, has been developed by a 29-year-old scientist, Robert Sterling. And his idea for it came from the excellent meringue which his wife put on top of her lemon pies.

QUOTE: Columnist Irving Hoffman says: "In this country there are ten mentions of the Marx Brothers to every one of Karl Marx."

JUST AS UNO has got the money from Congress to start building its home, some New York papers are asking why. Says the Daily Mirror, for instance: "It nears the end of its usefulness. It has become a glorified forum where so-called statesmen rise to vilify each other like so many fishwives. Amusing maybe, useful never."

BRITAIN'S BUDGET has caused more talk in the U.S. than any Budget speech in years, than cut him off, the company about Britain taking it easy at the American tax-payer's expense.

The New York Times begins a column-long editorial with: "We think many Americans will find themselves replying, 'There is no doubt whatever that Britain has merited our aid.'"

A DRINK OF WATER that Mr Churchill took during his Boston speech cost one broadcasting company £7,500. The pause that refreshed Mr Churchill delayed the end of his speech by 50 seconds. Rather than cut him off, the company cancelled the commercial show which was to have followed him. It had to reimburse the advertiser, and the cast of his show.

JUDGE REEVES, who swore in a new American citizen, Mrs Kirby Patterson, of Springfield, Missouri, had this to say: "Your grandfather was a great man. If we had made peace with him we would not have had the Second World War."

Mrs Patterson's former name—Victoria, Princess of Prussia. Her grandfather's name—Kaiser Wilhelm.

—(London Express Service).

The Berliners have a song for it . . .

HAMBURG.—There is a cynical little song going round Berlin just now describing the attitude of the people living in other parts of Germany.

When anyone arrives from beyond the blockade the Berliner asks: "What's life like there? And always he gets the answering refrain: "Why, there you can go into a shop and buy. . . ."

Nowhere is this more true than in Hamburg.

The Jungfernstelg, the main shopping street, is like Oxford Street on a Saturday morning, with crowds milling up and down looking at the displays of china, clothes, shoes, food—including a boar's head flanked by six different kinds of sausage.

After a time, however, you notice that the window-gazers have more the air of people visiting a museum than of someone deciding what to buy.

Here in Hamburg you can get what you like if you have the money. Few people have; a secretary in an office here earns £19 a month. Equally, those who have money spend it at a fantastic rate.

The Esplanade, the most luxurious German hotel, charges about £3 a night just for a room.

The Vierjahrzelten, the other large hotel in Hamburg, is now an allied officers' club; no German is allowed inside the door.

Conversation turns on food, ways of obtaining petrol, the chances of getting nylons is the Naafi shop, the impossibility of buying anything locally now that the mark is 13 to the £.

Even cigarettes, I heard someone say, are so plentiful now that the Germans will pay barely a quarter of what they did last year.

They are in a strange situation, the English community living here—and there are more than 500 civilian families, Control Commission and others, apart from the Army wives.

They have the uneasy sensation of living behind a pane of glass. They live next door to the Germans, meet them sometimes, talk to them—but for all the practical business of living, they might as well be in Wimbledon.

Except, they say, that the food they get here is much worse.

Army rations are delivered by the RASC twice a week, and a family of two can just make them last out; one guest means that someone goes short.

There is no question of choice; you take what you are given, and this is invariably stewing meat, dried fish, dried eggs, dried milk, and a few weary vegetables sent down from Holland. For the last four weeks it has been white cabbage.

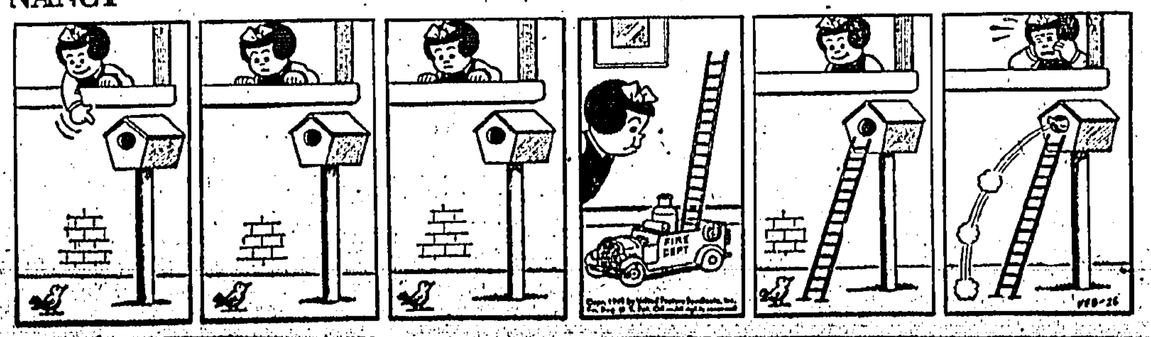
The quantities are queer, too; three people get 2½ sausages or two-thirds of a fish.

There is no question of them popping down to the German shops, because they are forbidden, under penalty of being sent back to England, to buy one single item of food from the German economy.

"The Germans pity us," they say bitterly.

—(London Express Service).

NANCY — Love's Labour Lost — By Ernie Bushmiller



JUDGMENT FOR RESPONDENT IN CANOSSIAN INSTITUTE CASE

Possible Appeal To Privy Council

Judgment for the respondent (Canossian Institute) was delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, sitting with the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Williams, in the Full Court this morning.

The appellants were Ping Shek and Karel Weiss, tenants of the ground and second floors respectively of No. 34 Caine Road, who appealed against the decision of Mr Justice Reynolds in favour of the Mother Superioress of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute, who was given possession of the premises on December 20, 1948.

Mr Eldon Potter, KC, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, appeared for the appellants and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr B. N. Cooper, for the respondent.

The premises had been exempted by the Governor from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, on the recommendation of the Tenancy Committee under the chairmanship of the Hon. Leo d'Almada, K. C.

After the judgment had been read, the Chief Justice said that there remained the point of stay of execution.

Mr Potter said he was agreeable to fourteen days, adding, "We may apply for leave to appeal to the Privy Council."

Mr Wright: No objection, my Lord.

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said:

The appeals arise out of two actions for possession of the ground floor and second floor of No. 34 Caine Road. The plaintiff in each action was The Mother Superioress of the Daughters of Charity of the Canossian Institute (Hongkong) and the defendants were Mr Ping Shek and Mr Karel Weiss. The defendants were monthly tenants of the plaintiff and had been given notice to quit.

HELD EXEMPT

The issue in each action which is relevant to these appeals was whether the premises were exempted from the protection of the Landlord & Tenant Proclamations of the British Military Administration which came into being after the Japanese occupation of the Colony. The actions were heard before Mr Justice Reynolds who held that the premises were so exempt and gave judgment for the plaintiff in both actions. It is from this decision that the present appeals have been lodged.

On the restoration of civil government in Hongkong, the Landlord & Tenant Proclamations were preserved by the Law Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance, 1946, which we shall refer to as "the Ordinance." The sections of the Ordinance with which we are directly conberned are sections 3 and 8 which read as follows:

"3. The Proclamatiops of the British Military Administration set out in the first column of Schedule I hereto shall have effect as if the same had been contained in Ordinances enacted by the Legislature of the Colony coming into operation as from the respective dates, if any, from which such Proclamations are expressed to take effect or as from the respective dates of promulgation of the said Proclamations and shall as from the enactment of this Ordinance have effect subject to the adaptations and modifications contained in the second column of the said schedule.

8. The Governor-in-Council may by Order from time to time add to, alter or amend the provisions of the Schedules hereto or any of them."

In purported exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the Ordinance an Order of the Governor-in-Council was made on September 6, 1946 and published as Gazette Notification 388. We shall refer to this as "the Order". Paragraph 3 of the Order provided, inter alia, as follows:—

"The Governor acting upon the advice of Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Tenancy Committee that in its opinion exceptional circumstances exist which make the exercise of the discretion hereby conferred desirable, grant exemption in any particular case from all or any of the provisions of this Proclamation and any amendment or modification thereof upon such terms as appear to him to be just and equitable;"

It was in pursuance of this paragraph that the Governor-in-Council, on August 1, 1947, purported to exempt the premises which are the subject of these appeals.

TWO ARGUMENTS

Mr Potter (for the appellants) developed two lines of argument concerning the exemption. In the first place he maintained that section 8 of the Ordinance was *ultra vires* the powers of the Legislature of the Colony. In the second place he maintained that even if section 8 was itself *intra vires*, paragraph 3 of the Order was *ultra vires* the powers conferred by section 8.

As regards Mr Potter's first line of argument, he originally placed considerable reliance on section 5 of the Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1865, which enables "Representative Legislatures" in the Colonies to make laws respecting their constitution, powers and procedure. His point was that, by implication, the Legislature of Hongkong (which is not a Representative Legislature for the purposes of the Act) did not have this authority.

In the course of the hearing, however, Mr Wright (for the respondent) drew attention to the recent decision of the Privy Council, as to the construction of section 5, in the case of Chenard and Company and others v. Arissol 65 TLR 42. The effect of that decision is that section 5 is not a disabling section in any sense. In the light of this interpretation, Mr Potter conceded that the Colonial Laws Validity Act went out of the picture and that the real issue was whether section 8 of the Ordinance was *ultra vires* the powers conferred on the Legislature of Hongkong by paragraph VII of the Letters Patent of February 14, 1917, which reads as follows:

"VII. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, may make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Colony."

The decision of the Privy Council was not entirely without avail to Mr Potter because he was able to point to the following passage in the judgment of Lord Reid:—

"A power to make Ordinances for the peace, order and good government of a colony does not authorise alteration of the constitution or powers of the colonial Legislature."

The case was also of some avail to Mr Wright who drew our attention to a further passage in the judgment as follows:—

"Such a power has been held "to authorise the utmost discretion of enactment for the attainment of the objects pointed to," and a Court will not inquire whether any particular enactment of this character does in fact promote the peace, order or good government of the colony (Riel v. The Queen (1885) 10 App. Cas. 675, at p.678)."

Mr Potter, putting his case at its highest, contended that, by section 3 of the Ordinance, the Legislature had turned the Proclamations in the First Schedule into Ordinances, and that any attempt by the Legislature to provide for any amendment whatever of an Ordinance by the Governor-in-Council must be bad.

MISCONCEPTION

We find it unnecessary to express any opinion on this proposition because, in our view, it is founded on a misconception of the position. The Proclamations, in their origin, were something very different from Ordinances. They were Proclamations of a military administration called into being in the turmoil following the reoccupation—a type of authority far removed from a Legislature under civil government. It is a fair assumption that, in the circumstances in which they were issued, they could not hope to reach the standards of completeness and permanence one associates with an Ordinance.

They lack then the sanctity of an Ordinance. But they had to be given some status when civil government was restored, and what the Legislature has provided in the Ordinance (reading it as a whole) is not that the Proclamations shall have the full status of Ordinances but that they shall have that status subject to the power of the Governor-in-Council to deal with them under section 8.

Given that the Proclamations now enjoy only this qualified status, it remains to consider, on general principles, whether the delegation of legislative power by section 8 is sanctioned by the Letters Patent. It is settled law that a colonial legislature has some power of delegation—see, for example, Powell v. the Apollo Candle Company, 10 A.C. 282, Hodge v. The Queen 9 A.C. 117 and The Queen v. Burah 3 A.C. 889—and the only question is whether the particular delegation provided for in section 8 falls on the right side or on the wrong side of the line.

We are of opinion that, in deciding this issue, the question we should ask ourselves is whether, by the delegation, the Legislature has wholly or partly effaced itself — see Street on Ultra Vires P.420. An instance of what would be effacement is given in The Queen v. Burah where Lord Selbourne at p.905 said:—

"Their Lordships agree that the Governor-General-in-Council could not, by any form of enactment, create in India, and arm with general legislative authority, a new legislative power not created or authorised by the Councils Act."

But, on the other side of the line, Sir Barnes Peacock, in Hodge v. The Queen, said at p.132:—

"It was argued at the bar that a legislature committing important regulations to agents or delegates effaces itself. That is not so. It retains its powers intact, and can, wherever it pleases, destroy the agency it has created and set up another, or take the matter directly into his own hands. How far it shall seek the aid of subordinate agencies, and how long it shall continue them, are matters for each legislature, and not for Courts of Law, to decide."

Again, in Powell v. The Apollo Candle Co., Sir Robert Collier, at p.291 said:

"It is argued that the tax in question has been imposed by the Governor, and not by the Legislature, who alone had power to impose it. But the duties levied under the Order in Council are really levied by the authority of the Act under which the Order is issued. The Legislature has not parted with its perfect control over the Governor, and has the power, of course, at any moment, of withdrawing or altering the power which they have entrusted to him."

POWER TO AMEND

Now clearly there is nothing in the Ordinance which takes away one iota of the power of the Legislature. All that the Legislature has done in the Ordinance is to give to the Governor-in-Council — a body which Mr Potter contended had actually, through its members, a controlling voice in the Legislature itself—a power, not to legislate generally, but to amend certain specified military Proclamations. We are unable to agree that such a delegation was *ultra vires* the powers of the Legislature.

In view of that we have said, it is unnecessary for us to express any opinion as regards the question of whether the fact that His Majesty has not disallowed the Ordinance would cure any want of authority to pass it.

We turn now to Mr Potter's second line of argument which is that the Order is *ultra vires* the Ordinance.

He began his argument by contending that we must construe section 8 of the Ordinance in the light of the long title of the Ordinance which reads as follows:—

"An Ordinance to provide for the incorporation into the law of the Colony of provisions of certain Proclamations and matters done thereunder promulgated during the British Military Administration together with modifications of such provisions and to amend such Ordinances as are affected by such incorporation."

Mr Wright argued that we should not regard the scope of section 8 as restricted by the long title because the Ordinance dealt with a number of matters and the Legislature could not hope to cover them all in the long title. We agree that the long title does not strictly cover all matters dealt with in the Ordinance.

It does not, for example, cover section 2, which repeals the Proclamations, etc., of the British military Administration which are not expressly kept alive by the Ordinance. But the long title specifically includes among the purposes of the Ordinance, the purpose of modifying the Proclamations kept alive and that is the very purpose of section 8. We think Mr Potter's contention is correct.

Mr Potter's next contention was that the effect of the long title was to limit the scope of section 8 to such modifications of the Proclamations kept alive as were strictly necessary for the purpose of fitting them into the law of the Colony as it existed immediately before the coming into force of the Ordinance.

Now, when the Legislature enacted the Ordinance, it must be presumed to have been familiar with the existing laws of the Colony. It had decided which Proclamations it wished to keep alive and, if Mr Potter's construction of the long title is correct, it was in a position to set out once and for all the modifications of the Proclamations which were necessary.

In other words, Mr Potter's construction involves the proposition that the Legislature inserted section 8 in order to provide for any matters which it had overlooked. We should be very loath to attribute to the Legislature such a want of faith in its own efficiency unless we are driven to do so. But when the long title is closely examined, it is clear that the modifications which it contemplates are not in terms restricted in the manner suggested by Mr Potter. On the contrary the long title leaves the word "modifications" to be construed at large.

Mr Potter's next point is, in effect, that when the Ordinance and the Schedules which form part of it are examined, it will be found that the Legislature has created its own dictionary as to the meaning of the word "modifications" in the long title and has thereby restricted the scope of section 8 in the manner for which he contends. It does not, in our opinion, follow that the instances of modifications in the Ordinance and the Schedules are exhaustive of the sort of modifications contemplated by the Legislature in section 8.

But let us now examine the legislation in the light of the contention that the Legislature has created its own dictionary. The drafting of the Ordinance is not entirely consistent. For example, the word "modifications" in the long title becomes "adaptations and modifications" in sections 3, 4, 5 and 7. If Mr Potter's contention was correct, "adaptations" would have been the more appropriate word to use throughout. But however this may be, the Schedules do not bear out Mr Potter's contention. See, for example, the power given to the Governor by Schedule 1 to repeal, in certain events, all or any of the provisions of the Proclamations Nos. 19 and 26.

This brings us to Mr Potter's last point, in connection with his second line of argument, which is that the modification made by the Order is an interference with the rights of the subject and that section 8 ought to be construed as though it contained such words of limitation as would prevent the Governor-in-Council from effecting such an interference.

PENAL STATUTE

He cited, as instances of the extent to which the Courts will go to preserve the rights and liberties of the subject, the cases of The King v. Secretary of State for Home Affairs Ex parte O'Brien 1923 2 K. B. 361, Cox and Hakes 13 A.C. 506, and In re Boaler 1915 1.K.B. 21. But we cannot regard these cases as parallel to the case before us. The remedy by Habeas Corpus is the very corner stone of the liberty of the subject.

The Vexatious Actions Act, 1896, is a highly penal statute which enables a citizen to be deprived of one of his most fundamental rights—the right of access to the Courts. The rights of a statutory tenant under the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation are in a very different category. The conferring by the Legislature on the Governor-in-Council of a power in exceptional circumstances, to deprive a statutory tenant of his rights as such and leave him to his contractual rights is not a modification of the Landlord and Tenant Proclamations of a kind which we can hold to have been outside the contemplation of the Legislature when it enacted the Ordinance and we are not prepared to read into the Ordinance words which would exclude it—words which are not there.

On the contrary the Legislature may well have contemplated that, in the conditions prevailing as the Colony got back to normal, the Proclamations of the British Military Administration which were not repealed would require modifications from time to time, and may well have been prepared, in those conditions, to entrust to the Governor-in-Council the task of making such modifications. We are therefore of opinion that the Order was not *ultra vires* the Ordinance.

It follows that these appeals must be refused with costs and we so order.

Prison For Life

Athens, Apr. 21.—Gregorios Stachtopoulos, a Greek journalist, was today found guilty of complicity in the murder of Mr George Polk, an American radio company's correspondent, whose body was found floating in Salonika Harbour in May last year. Stachtopoulos was sentenced to life imprisonment.

He was one of four people tried for the murder. Two men, Evangelos Vasvanas and Adam Mouzemides, tried in their absence, were condemned to death. The fourth accused, the mother of Stachtopoulos, was acquitted.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"It happened at Sixth and Main—when you were teaching me to drive, you didn't say that was one of the very dangerous stop streets!"

UNITED EUROPE FLAG FLIES OVER LONDON

2,000 Delegates Meet At Guildhall

London, Apr. 21.—London's historic Guildhall was crowded today for a public meeting of 2,000 delegates of the Conference of the European Movement.

The flag of the United Europe Movement—a brilliant green letter E on a plain white ground—was hoisted over the building—the first time it had flown in the city of London.

Greeted by the Lord Mayor, Sir George Aylwen, the delegates were addressed by M. Andre Philip, of France, M. Paul Van Zeeland, of Belgium, and Lord Layton of Britain.

Sir John Anderson, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, presided.

Introducing the speakers, he declared, "I think we have heard far too much of the surrender of sovereignty. What more can be and must be is a voluntary abatement of the claims of sovereignty such as are involved in every international agreement."

M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister, suggested that the meeting should "take a frank look at the spot we are in."

"It has been evident," he continued, "that it is impossible to solve our problems along narrow national lines. It is impossible for any Power, even for the biggest Power, to ensure peace along unilateral lines."

Lord Layton, a distinguished economist, declared that progress in Europe could only be founded on a compromise between Eastern and Western Europe.

Mr L. S. Amery, former British Minister, submitted a resolution to the Social and Commercial Committee of the Conference this afternoon recommending that the most favoured nation clause be dropped from international agreements to allow for bilateral agreements.

The resolution, which stimulated the afternoon's discussions, said that "the Trade Committee considers that European nations should be free to develop co-operation by every possible means and to the fullest extent that their several political, economic and social areas allow.

"The most favoured nation clause is opposed to that principle insofar as it imposes a veto on any co-operative arrangements whether by preferential tariff concessions or priorities or preferences in quota or bulk buying measures, unless these are carried out to the length of a complete customs union.

"This, for political as well as economic reasons is not a practicable policy in any near future."

"But unless the most favoured nation clause is abolished," Mr Amery said, "such a preferential system applying to a limited area would come up against the Havana Charter".

Plans for an "Industrial Parliament" of Europe are expected to emerge from today's proceedings of the European Movement's Economic Conference.

Today the conference split into five committees which, until late in the evening, freely discussed problems of forming European economy into one single market for labour, production and exchange. Tomorrow further sub-committees will examine these problems more deeply and try to agree.

The Agricultural Committee today discussed agriculture's part in the recovery of Europe. Speeches reflected a feeling that agriculture had been neglected.—Reuter.

CPA Plane Fired On

Rangoon, Apr. 21.—A Cathay Pacific aircraft on a chartered flight over the delta yesterday was damaged by ground fire near the rice port of Bassein, 90 miles West of Rangoon, official sources reported.

The starboard engine was put out of commission, but the aircraft landed safely at Bassein and none of the passengers was injured.—Associated Press.

MURDERER TO PAY PENALTY

Johannesburg, Apr. 21.—Samuel Odendaal, 20, of Johannesburg, was today sentenced to death for the murder of an American businessman Samuel Morris Schiff, 54, and an Indian waiter at Johannesburg's Charlton Hotel last November.

The evidence showed that Odendaal went to Mr Schiff's room, demanded money and then shot the American, later shooting the waiter when making his get-away.—Reuter.

Special Jet Fighter Plane

London, Apr. 21. — The Vickers-Armstrong Company announced tonight that it has built a special jet fighter plane for the British Government, "designed to investigate the problems associated with flight at and beyond the speed of sound."

The new plane is a swept-back wing development of a single-seat machine which in February last year established a new international speed record, over a hundred kilometres close circuit, of 564.8 miles an hour.—Reuter.

"REVOLUTIONARY"

Called "revolutionary" by some delegates, Mr Amery's resolution provoked questions whether Britain would be prepared to give European countries most favoured nation treatment, putting them on a level with members of the Commonwealth.

Mr Amery told Reuter tonight that because of Imperial Preference Britain could not enter any European customs union.

But if, instead of an all-out customs union, a system could be evolved of preferential tariffs between members, Britain could certainly join.

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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

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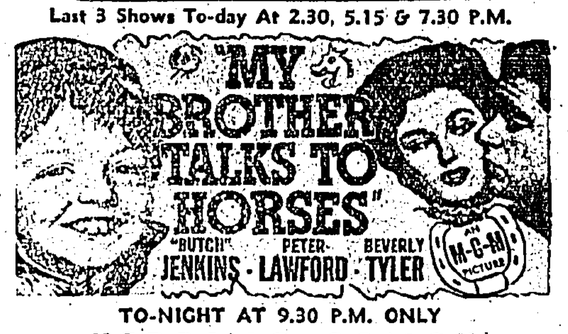

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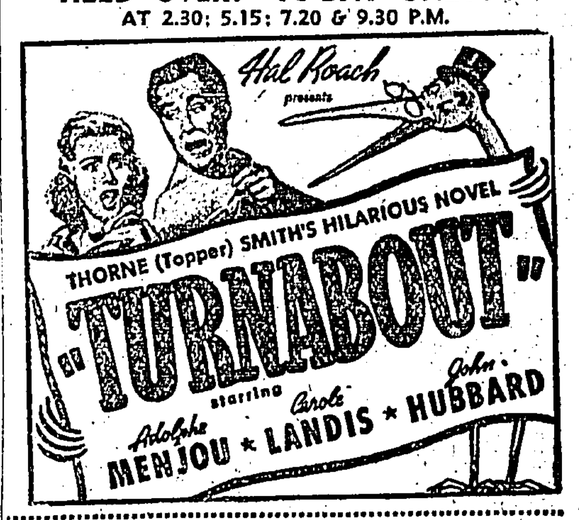

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WINNER OF 3 ACADEMY AWARDS!
"THE RED SHOES"
Color by Technicolor

From End To End On Horseback

London, Apr. 21.—A 24-year old Glamorgan woman, Mrs Margaret Jones, is riding alone on horseback from Land's End, the southwestern tip of England, to John O Groats, in northernmost Scotland.

She set out from Land's End yesterday, with all her needs packed in two big saddle-bags. They include an ex-Army blanket which she may use to sleep out of doors in fine weather. Mrs Jones is on the same mare she rode last year from Glamorgan to Sunderland.—Reuter.

Proficiency Flight Ends Fatally

Washington, Apr. 21.—Mr Robert Lewis Coffey, Junior, aged 30, Democrat Representative of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was killed instantly when his Shooting Star jet fighter plane crashed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, last night, the United States Air Force has announced.

An Air Force Reserve Officer, the Congressman was on a cross-country proficiency flight.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

HKCT.

6.00, Programme Summary; 6.01, Jazz Classics; 6.15, Evening Melody; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Sports Preview (Studio); "Music Lovers Hour" Classical Request Programme presented by Yvonne Charter (Studio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "Looking At Britain"—Kent—The Garden of England, by D. F. Aitken (BBCTB); 8.30, The New Concert Orchestra; 9.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, "Hong Kong Dances To"—Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra from the Ritz Ballroom. Vocalist: Cora Ballecer; 9.45, "The Detective in Fiction" read by Clifford Davies (Studio); 10.00, A Short Programme of the Music of Rimsky-Korsakov; 10.30, "Strings with Wings" The Melachrino Strings with Millicent Phillips and Wilfred Barnes (ORBS); 11.00, Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

QUADRANGULAR HOCKEY

By "PILGRIM"

CIVILIANS TOO GOOD FOR THE NAVY

The Civilians trounced Royal Navy by four goals to nil in the first round of the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament at King's Park yesterday evening in a game played in almost summer weather and on a good pitch.

The Civilians, for the first 10 minutes, were without their centre-forward, Ernie Fowler, who, however, put in a late appearance. During this period the Navy made several spirited attacks and Moss, in goal for the Civilians, did well to save a brilliant shot from Aitken.

A stubborn Civilian defence, however, with Nery and Van der Voort prominent, prevented them from scoring. After 15 minutes' play, a nasty accident occurred when Yusef ran into a ball which was kicked for a clearance by the Navy goalkeeper and caught it full on the nose.

He was immediately carried off the field and later sent to hospital. It appeared he had sustained a fracture.

When play resumed, A. E. P. Guest deputised at right-half and Kane filled the inside-right berth.

CIVILIANS ATTACK

The Civilian forwards then settled down and took up the attack. Bill Soares, receiving the ball on the right wing, took it well up the field and opened the score with a brilliant cross drive from the edge of the circle.

With Lean Thye-hin at centre-half feeding his forwards with some grand passes, one of these taken by Kane, of Irish fame, found the net with another cross drive to put the Civilians two up. The interval came soon after.

In the second half, play continued at a fast pace with the Civilians right on top. Rull, Fowler and Kane combined well, forming a dangerous trio.

The Navy defence, under repeated onslaughts, began to crack up and their marking was rather "loose," especially at right-back and centre-half.

TWO MORE

Two further goals were scored by Ernie Fowler, the third when the Navy 'keeper fell on the ball (this looked like a penalty bully). Before he could recover, the ball was in the net.

The fourth goal came off a nice centre from Soares.

The Navy goalkeeper, however, made several good saves and, had it not been for his brilliant anticipation, the score might have been heavier.

The Navy attack with Aitken Mathewson, thought working hard individually, lacked co-ordination and was apt to muddle. Royse, at left-back, was the only one in the defence who showed a good sense of positioning.

The Civilians as a team played well. Lean and Bhaghat Singh were conspicuous in the half-back line, with Nery and Van der Voort the mainstays of a good defence. It was a well-deserved victory.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:

Civilians:—G. Moss, Nery, Van Der Voort, Guest, Lean Thye-hin, Bhagat Singh, J. Soares, Kane, E. Fowler, P. Rull, H. Xavier.

Royal Navy: Rolands, Clark, Royse, Nixon, Haig, Mallows, Eberle Byng, Drewett, Aitkin Mathewson.

Match Postponed

The International Hockey match between India and Scotland booked for Saturday has been postponed until Sunday morning, at 10.30 at Sookunpoo. Umpires are G. T. Palmer and P. F. Xavier.

The International tournament hockey match between Portugal and Pakistan scheduled for Sunday at King's Park has been unavoidably postponed.

RAF SPORTS

The RAF Station at Kai Tak is holding its annual sports meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday on the station ground.

Included in the programme will be the usual track events, hammer throw, shot-put, discus, javelin, pole vault, long and high jumps, veterans, ladies and childrens races.

Benefit Matches

The Hongkong and Kowloon Basketball Association has arranged two benefit exhibition matches, to be played this evening at Caroline Hill, in aid of the family of the late Mr Lau Chung-chan, well-known basketball referee, who died as the result of wounds received when the river steamer Kwong Fook Cheung was fired upon by bandits while en route from Kongmoon to Hongkong last week.

The matches, which start at 7 p.m., will be between Southern Commercial College (Canton) Blues and Chung Sing, and Southern Commercial College Reds and a combined Colony team. Admission is $1.20 including tax to all seats.

Mr Shum Shui-hing, chairman of the Association, who very kindly defrayed the funeral expenses for the late Mr Lau, has contributed $400 towards tonight's benefit match fund.

The results of the Colony's Basketball League matches played at Caroline Hill yesterday were:

"A" Division.—S.C.A.A. beat H.K. Chinese Y. 38-26.

"B" Division.—H.K. Chinese Y. beat Chinese Newspaper Reporters 47-29; Chung Sing beat Lai Hang 52-20.

KCC TENNIS

Results of Kowloon Cricket Club Tennis Tournament Handicap played yesterday, Sunday and Monday last were:

Mixed Doubles

Miss Lambert Baker and J. Barrow (owe 15) beat Miss M. Hoskins and M. R. Snew (rec. 15-3), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; Mrs E. C. Fincher and A. W. Wood (rec. 15) beat Mrs Hewitt and H. Stagg (owe 15), 6-2, 6-3; Miss J. Broadbridge and H. S. Yung beat Mr and Mrs T. O. Baker, 6-3, 6-3.

Men's Singles

J. Guest beat W. A. Nicholas, 6-3, 6-3; E. G. P. Guest beat J. Barrow (owe 15), 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Men's Doubles

R. S. Capell and W. A. Nicholas (owe 30) beat A. W. Wood and M. R. Snew (rec. 15), 6-3, 6-4; P. E. Egal and J. Toller (owe 15) beat R. Smith and A. P. Stagg, 6-0, 6-2.

Ladies' Doubles

Mrs A. V. White and Miss Lambert Baker beat Miss Ribeiro and P. Kotewell (owe 15), 6-4, 7-5; Mrs L. Stokes and Mrs I. Ankerson (owe 15) beat Mrs J. P. Lawes and Mrs E. Horsman, 6-4, 8-6.

All competitors in the K.C.C. Tennis Handicap who have not played off their games as previously advertised are requested to note that all postponed games must be played off by Monday evening. Competitors are asked to make their own arrangements as to time and date of these matches. Four courts will be reserved specially for these postponed games.

TODAY'S MATCHES

This evening's matches are:

J. Arzooni & J. Horsman v. A. V. White & W. Gillies.

J. Barrow & N. Hart-Baker v. J. C. Fenton & C. Kotewall.

Mrs L. Benjamin v. Miss Ribeiro.

E. C. Fincher v. R. S. Capell.

Mrs L. F. Stokes & Capt. Turner-Cooke v. Mr & Mrs M. Lablans.

Parents v. Pupils

The following are the names of the Parents Association football team who are to play the schoolboys at King George V School on Saturday, at 3 p.m.:

H. Braga; T. L. C. Eastman (Capt), C. W. Brand; Jock Orem, D. McLellan, L. Stokes; N. Smith, N. Hart-Baker, L. Goldman, K. A. Cook, L. Stokes.

GETTING INTO SHAPE

Philadelphia Athletics' pitchers Lou Brissie (top) and Joe Coleman, both 14-game winners last year, enjoy a game of leap frog at the beach while vacationing before start of spring training at West Palm Beach on March 1.

CHESS TOURNEY STARTS

Clocks Prove An Upsetting Factor

By "GAMBIT"

The annual tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club started yesterday evening at the Peninsula Hotel with one minor upset and the Colony Championship finalists conceding 1½ points between the four of them.

The white pieces won four games and drew one, the sixth game being postponed.

There was the usual nervous beginning to the tournament and where the openings were not irregular, the development was.

The upset of the evening, a minor one, saw Joseph Tausz take a full point off Ray Danenberg in a Ruy Lopez developing into a long end-game of a rook and two isolated pawns against a rook.

When the game ended, Tausz's clock showed 65 minutes and Danenberg's 140 minutes. The clocks upset most of the players, unaccustomed to them, and the surprising discovery was made that few players in the Colony are, evidently, anything but fast players.

Danenberg, the slowest, was a good seven or eight moves ahead of the clock after two hours and Tausz's play was at the rate of a little over a minute-per-move.

RACING THE CLOCK

Jacob Ramler, who lost to Prokopov, disregarded the clock most of the time and Prokopov's meditations were registered on his timepiece. Ramler, who played a lightning game, had about 10 minutes of his own time registered on his clock and about 30 Prokopov's.

Kolatchoff, who lost to Carter, was punching the clock so fast that, when he finally fell into a trap that could be avoided with a very cursory examination of the situation, he discovered he had taken 26 minutes for 23 moves. Carter had taken 29.

CLOSE STRUGGLE

The closest struggle of the evening saw A. Biriukoff, in a welcome return to form, give Johnny Carvalho, a steadily improving player, a fight all the way.

The game ended in a draw when Carvalho, in a lost situation, discovered a very nice draw with his opponent a bishop and two pawns (on rook file) to the good.

Best game by an "underdog" was Feldman's against Schure, third placed in the Colony Championship last year. Feldman put up a clever defence against a King's Bishop Opening but, at the critical moment, blundered and lost. He had held Schure well into the late middle-game.

THE RESULTS

The results were:

L. Schure beat M. Feldman.

J. Tausz beat R. Danenberg.

J. P. de Carvalho drew with A. Biriukoff.

P. K. Prokopov beat J. Ramler.

R. W. Carter beat V. V Kolatchoff.

Newmarket Acceptors

London, Apr. 20.—The final acceptors for the Two Thousand Guineas to be run over one mile at Newmarket on Wednesday, April 27, were announced today as follows:

The Thruster, Makaroura, Grani, Lighterman, Roc du Diable, Lanarth, Nimbus Star, King Bear, Dance Hindostan, Iran, Barnes Park, Abernant, Hampden Park, The Shades, Galler, Proof, Decorum, Peter, Flower China, Verdict, Scorned, Beverley and Amola Drake.

The final acceptors were also announced for the fillies classic of One Thousand Guineas, to be run over one mile at Newmarket on Friday, April 29.

They are: Avila, Jet Plane, Taplola, Solar, Myth, Reckless, Lady of Leisure, Massilia le Diche, Theo, Double Deal, Vice Versa, Hymette, Pierre de Lune, Focsani Kowa, Musidora, Ball Island, Fair Debit, Queen of Basrah, Electric Lady, Ballochyle Run, Honey, Suntime, The Satellite, Vineyard, Come Abroad, Solar, Pearl, Three Weeks, Vale of Towy, Princess Rose, You Never Can Tell and Unknown Quantity.—Reuter.

Callover On The Guineas & Derby

London, Apr. 21.—Only five horses were quoted for the Two Thousand Guineas and five for the Derby when the cards for the races were called over at the Victoria Club tonight.

Abernant maintained his position as favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas at 7 to 4 against, but the feature of the betting on this classic was the support for the French horse Amour Drake, following the news earlier that another French entry, Pontenay, would not run.

Lord Derby's Swallow Tail was again joint favourite at 10 to 1 for the Derby with Royal Forest.

Tonight's quotations were:

Two Thousand Guineas

7 to 4 Abernant.

11 to 4 Star King.

6 to 1 Amour Drake.

10 to 1 Peter Flower.

100 to 8 Nimbus.

100 to 6 bar five.

Derby

10 to 1 Swallow Tail and Royal Forest.

100 to 7 Undred.

100 to 7 Jet Hind and Peter Flower.

100 to 6 bar five.—Reuter.

Yankees Chalk Up Their Third Straight Victory

New York, Apr. 21.—Maybe it is hard to prove anything by beating Washington Senators, but for whatever it is worth, the much maligned New York Yankees today chalked up their third straight victory on good pitching, winning 2-1 to emerge the only unbeaten team in the American League.

Cincinnati Reds, generally picked for last place in the National League, came through as the only all-victorious team thus far in that loop, beating Cardinals for the second time, 5-0.

Yankee lefty Tommy Byrne gave up five hits and was the victor when Hank Sauer doubled home the winning run in the last of the ninth. Earlier, Billy Johnson homered for Yankees while Buddy Lewis hit a homer for the only Washington tally.

Reds also got great pitching for their second straight game as lefty Johnny Vandermeer, who was wild all spring, settled down and pitched a five-hitter in which he issued no walks and struck out five. Two-run homers by Jimmy Bloodworth and Hank Sauer supplied all the necessary tallies.

RED SOX BREAK LOOSE

Boston Red Sox waited until there were two out in the ninth before they broke loose and scored four runs for a 4-0 triumph over Philadelphia Athletics.

Phil Marchildon and lefty Mel Parnell locked in a scoreless duel when Marchildon loaded the bases and walked home the first run, after which Parnell himself hit a two-run single. Marchildon again loaded the bases with walks and Alex Kellner came in to force home the fourth run.

Cleveland Indians got their long-range hitting sights in order in beating Browns at St. Louis, 6-2, as Joe Gordon and Larry Doby hit homers. Dick Kokos and Jack Graham each hit their second homer of the year for St. Louis. The blows, which came in succession in the fifth inning, were the only ones yielded by pitcher Steve Gromek.

White Sox won their first game of the season by coming from behind to beat Tigers at Detroit, 5-2. Rookie Herb Adams, who got three hits, drove in the marginal run with a single in the fifth.

Cubs made it two out of three over Pirates at Pittsburgh, winning 4-3 on Bob Scheffing's two-run homer in the eighth. Relief pitcher Emil Kush pitched one hit ball for two innings to gain the victory.

Clint Hartung, who picked up a curve ball in training this spring, used it to give Giants their first victory, a 4-1 four-hitter over Dodgers in Brooklyn. Sid Gordon and Mickey Livingston each hit two run homers to account for all the Giant runs. The Phillies and Braves game was not scheduled.

Scores were:

THE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	5	9	1
Detroit	2	6	4
White Sox: p. Judson, Evans, Surkont; c. Tipton.			
Tigers: p. Kretlow, Gray, Tout; c. Robinson.			
Cleveland	8	10	0
St Louis	2	2	0
Indians: p. Gromek; c. Hegan.			
Browns: p. Starr, Savage, Fannin, Shore; c. Moss.			
Boston	4	6	0
Philadelphia	0	6	0
Red Sox: p. Parnell; c. Tebbetts.			
Athletics: p. Marchildon, Kellner; c. Rosar.			
Washington	1	5	1
New York.....	2	8	0
Senators: p. Thompson; c. Weigel.			
Yankees: p. Byrne; c. Berra.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
St Louis	0	5	0
Cincinnati	5	6	1
Cardinals: p. Pollet, Staley, Kreign; c. Rice.			
Reds: p. Vandermeer; c. Mueller.			
New York	4	7	1
Brooklyn	1	4	2
Giants: p. Hartung; c. Livingston.			

	p.	Rce	Banta	c.
Dodgers: Campanella.				
Pittsburgh	3	9	0	
Chicago	4	7	2	

Pirates: p. Muncrief; c. Fitzgerald.
White Sox: p. Judson; c. Scheffing.—United Press.

High Bidding

Epsom, Apr. 21.—The French - bred three-year-old Eureka set up an alltime record for a Selling Plate winner when he was sold for 3,600 guineas after he had easily won the first race, the Banstead Selling Plate, run over a mile here today.

Eureka, who was brought over from France by Mr Frank Vogel, an American who trains his own horses there, romped home by four lengths in the hands of the crack Australian jockey, Rae Johnstone. He was a 7 to 4 favourite.

Mrs C. Evans, formerly Camille Clifford, the famous actress, out-bid Stanley Wootton, the Epsom trainer, for Eureka.

The previous highest price paid for a Selling Plate winner in Britain was 2,650 guineas, paid for Corporal at Newmarket in 1920.—Reuter.

Out Of "Guineas"

London, Apr. 21.—Messrs Weatherby, Secretaries to the Jockey Club, stated today that Lady Wentworth's filly, You Never Can Tell, should not have been included among the accoptors for the One Thousand Guineas issued yesterday, April 20.—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S SOCCER TEAM

Billy Wright Is The Key Man

By PETER DITTON

Left-half and captain of his club; right-half and captain of England—that is the dual role played by fair-haired, 24-year-old Billy Wright, footballing genius of Wolverhampton Wanderers. He is so much the complete footballer that wherever he was chosen he would not be out of place. For proof of his versatility one has only to recall the first semi-final tie with Manchester United this season when Wright started at left-half, switched to left-back when Pritchard was injured and then to right-back when Kelly was hurt.

In all three positions he played superbly, and he is just as much at home in the forward line. Indeed, he was first chosen to play for England in 1946 at inside-left but reverted to right-half when Frank Soo was injured and had to drop out. From that time forward his place in the England team has been assured and he looks like being a permanency for many years to come.

In these days of inflated transfer fees it would be a difficult task to put a price on Wright's head if he ever asked to move from Wolverhampton. Certainly an all-time record would have to be established by any club wishing to secure his signature and a price of less than £28,000 could not be expected. But fortunately for Wolverhampton, Billy Wright who cost them only a £10 signing on fee, is quite happy where he is. He is a real club man and to Major Frank Buckley who signed him for the Wolves all credit is due.

Barring injuries, Billy Wright will almost certainly be the key man of the F.A. Cup Final against Leicester at Wembley on April 30. The brilliant play and striking power of the Leicester forward line is good enough to over-run any team in the country on a given day but if Wright can subdue the subtle Don Revie, Leicester's inside-right, and still find time to supply his own forwards with his particular brand of perfect pass, then the Second Division Club can say good-bye to Cup hopes. I think Billy Wright will be equal to the task.

Perhaps I shall be accused of rashness in making such forecast, particularly after what happened to Portsmouth in the semi-final. But the fact remains that the double strain of trying to win the Cup and the League championship was too much for the sea-siders and they never reproduced their best form. Wolves have no championship aspirations this season.

Neither have they any relegation worries. At the same time they are one of the best teams in the first division and there is an old maxim that "a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un."

Leicester are undoubtedly "good little 'uns" and they have a magnificent fighting spirit but I doubt whether they have the defensive ability to cope with the speedy Wolves forward line, containing four internationals—Smythe (Ireland.) Hancocks, Mullen and Pye (England.)

A CURIOUS TIE-UP

Leicester have never before appeared in a Cup Final but Wolverhampton were at Wembley 10 years ago when they were beaten, 4-1, by Portsmouth. There is a curious tie-up between that Wolverhampton side and the one which will take the field on April 30. It is supplied by Stan Cullis, centre-half and captain of the 1939 Wolves team, who is now manager of the club.

Cullis, probably the greatest centre-half in the last twenty years, like Wright, enjoyed the honour of captaining the English International eleven on many occasions. His extensive knowledge of the game and his ability to pass that knowledge to his players has been a vital factor in Wolverhampton's successful cup run.

But Cullis will be the first to admit that he his not the man responsible for building the present Wolverhampton team. As I have said previously, Billy Wright was a find of Major Buckley's. Similarly, all the other members of the team were discovered either by Major Buckley when he was manager, or by his successor, Teddy Vizard, the former English International.

The whole team did not cost more than about £20,000 to build and of that amount, a considerable sum was spent on Pye who was bought from Notts County as an inside-forward and is now playing centre-forward. Hancocks and Williams were secured from Walsall, the Third Division club on the outskirts of Wolverhampton, and Smythe was transferred from Dundella, an Irish junior club. He received his International 'cap' in his first season in English football.

With the exception of Smythe, Mullen, who has been with Wolverhampton since he was 14 and who played in a Cup semi-final when he was only 16, and Dunn, every member of the team was born in Wolverhampton or the immediate vicinity. Dunn who comes from Liverpool is the son of Jimmy Dunn the Scottish International who was a member of the famous "Wee Blue Devils" of 1928 who beat England by 5 goals to one at Wembley. Like his famous father he seems certain of International honours.

—*(London Express Service).*

"Silver King" Tourney

Rickmansworth, Apr. 21. — Only three Overseas' players qualified for tomorrow's final 36 holes in the "Silver King" golf tournament here.

Forty-two players with 147 or better qualified. Ricardo de Vicenzo, the South American, and W. Forrester, of Belgium, just scraped in with 147 for the first two rounds, while A. Werkell of Sweden, took 143.

In spite of the recurrence of wrist trouble, Eddie Whitcombe, British Ryder Cup player, withstood a tremendous challenge to his lead with a second round of 70 over the High course for an aggregate of 136.

Dai Rees, Britain, who took 67 over the easier West course, was one stroke behind.—Reuter.

New Zealanders Show Form

Eastbourne, Apr. 21.—The New Zealand touring cricket team showed improved form here today in the second of their one-day matches. But the match, between sides led by W. Hadlee, the captain, and W. Wallace, Vice-Captain, produced little eventful cricket.

The brightest batting feature came from Martin Donnelly, the left-hander, playing for Wallace's team. He inflicted heavy punishment upon the loose ball to score 40 not out.

The final scores were: Wallace's XI 182 for 8 declared; Hadlee's XI 181 for 8 wickets.—Reuter.

Home Football

London, Apr. 21.—The results of soccer games played today were:

First Division

Manchester 1 Sunderland 2

Second Division

Leicester C. 3 Blackburn 1

Rugby League

Barrow 19 Liverpool S. 0

—Reuter.

Italy The Champions

Cairo, Apr. 21.—Italy won the world sabre team championship today, beating France in the final, nine bouts to four.

Egypt beat Belgium, also nine bouts to four, to take third place.—United Press.

Japanese Delegate

Rome, Apr. 21.—Japan is to send a delegate to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee, which is being held here from April 24 to 26.

During the meeting the venue for the 1956 Olympic Games will be chosen.—Reuter.

Three-Port Plan For Soccer Tours

The Hongkong Football Association is working on a plan by which the football associations of Singapore, Manila and Hongkong can unite in offering suitable terms to leading amateur soccer clubs or national teams to tour the Far East. Mr Jack Skinner, the chairman of the HKFA, said in an interview in Singapore recently.

Mr Skinner returned on the Canton to Hongkong after leave in the United Kingdom. He said that he had met an official of the New Zealand F.A. while in England and had discussed with him the possibility of New Zealand's national team visiting the Far East. The official had shown keen interest in the proposal.

"But Singapore, Hongkong or Manila will not be able to bear individually the costs of paying for the air passages and accommodation of such a team," said Mr Skinner.

"If, on the other hand, we get together and pool the money we get from all the games played in these three centres, we should be able to get some very enjoyable football and not lose by it either," he added.

Mr Skinner said that the HKFA had already written to the Singapore and Manila association on this subject.

Asked about the standard of soccer in New Zealand, Mr. Skinner said that the NZ national team would probably be as good as Dulwich Hamlet, one of the leading amateur teams in UK.

While in UK Mr Skinner had tried to get soccer included in the Empire Games in New Zealand next year.

He took up the matter with Sir Stanley Rous, the Secretary of the FA, but was referred to the British Empire Games committee in London.

"I was told that it was not possible to include soccer in next year's Games, but that efforts would be made to stage an Empire soccer competition within the framework of the following Games."

SOCCER RESULTS

SECOND DIVISION

Police	3	South China	6
Club	2	Army Kin	2
Royal Navy	4	PCA	1
Tramways	3	KMB	4
CAA	4	Kit Chee	2

HKFA Meeting

A meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association League Management Committee will be held at the Association's office on Tuesday, April 26, at 6.15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Re Champion vs. Rest Match.
2. Victory Shield, 2nd match.
3. Benefit match.

INTERPORT

A meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office on Tuesday, April 26, at 5.15 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Macao Interport.
2. Any other business.

Postponed

The soccer match arranged between the RAF and South China "B" teams, which was to have been played on Saturday at 5 p.m., at Sookunpoo, has been postponed until Sunday at the same time.

Mister Conquest

(London Express Service.)

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Try to Establish Your Longest Suit

North: ♠ K 6, ♥ K 4, ♦ Q J 10 7, ♣ K 9 7 4 3

West: ♠ Q J 10 7 3, ♥ J 9 8, ♦ A 3 2, ♣ A 8

East: ♠ 8 5 4 2, ♥ 10 7 6 5, ♦ 5 4, ♣ 10 5 2

South (Dealer): ♠ A 9, ♥ A Q 3 2, ♦ K 9 8 6, ♣ Q J 6

Lesson Hand—Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1 N. T.	Pass	3 N. T.	Pass

Opening—♠ Q 10

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

WHILE today's hand may seem pretty simple to the expert; many good players would go after the wrong suit.

When West opens the queen of spades, you know that you have two spade tricks and three heart tricks. You cannot hope for a fourth heart trick because the opponents' hearts will be divided at least 4-3.

The diamond suit is the solid suit. You have only one positive loser in diamonds. You are bound to make three diamond tricks as soon as you knock out the ace. But add them to the five tricks in spades and hearts, and you have only eight tricks. Your contract is for nine.

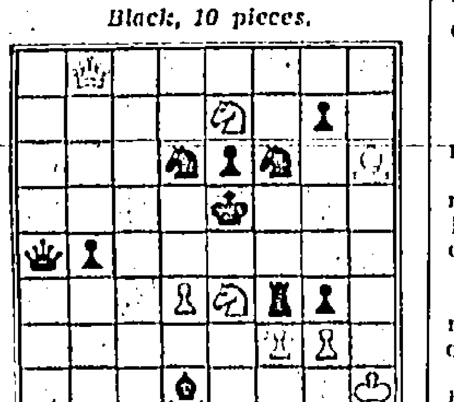
If you knock out the diamond ace first, West will win and come back with another spade. Now when you go to establish the club trick, West will win with the ace of clubs and run off the balance of his spades.

You should first win the opening spade lead. You can win it in either hand, but it may be better to win it in the closed hand with the ace, then lead a small club toward dummy's king. If West refuses to win, take the trick in dummy with the king and come back with a small club to your own hand. West has to win this trick, and you are assured of four club tricks, three hearts and two spades, the nine tricks needed for your contract.

CHESS PROBLEM

By O. KUNETICKY.

Black, 10 pieces.



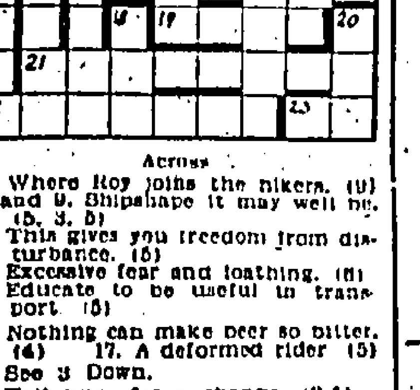
White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, P—B7; threat 2, R—B6 (ch). 1 . . . R×P; 2, Kt—Kt6 (ch); 1 . . . Q×P; 2, R×Q (ch); 1 . . . Kt—R5; 2, Q×KP (ch).

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Where Roy joins the hikers. (9)
5 and 9. Shipshape it may well be. (5, 3, 5)
10. This gives you freedom from disturbance. (5)
12. Excessive fear and loathing. (8)
14. Educate to be useful in transport. (5)
15. Nothing can make beer so bitter. (4) 17. A deformed rider (5)
19. See 3 Down.
21. Tell nuns for a change. (3-5)
22. Retribution. (7)
23. Direction. (2)

Down

1. May chants this way as he goes to sea. (9) 2. Convenient. (9)
3 and 19. The used part of a watch? (6. 4)
4. An abbreviated controller. (3)
6. Yearly. (3, 5)
7. Of necessity this force. (3)
8. The refreshing part of minnows. (3) 9. See 5 Across.
11. The tune Maria sings? (4)
13. Weeded by implement. (4)
16. Often the schoolboy's penalty. (5)
18. Consumed. (3)
20. You can usually get it in 6. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1 and 4 Down your way: 5. Renowned: 10. Poet: 11. Whey: 13. Fine day: 15. Arm. 16. Web. 19. Naul 20. Mayoress: 21. Oil well. 22. Census. Down: 1. Driftwood. 2. Nosegay: 3. Onward: 4. See 1 Across: 6 Epidemic: 7. None: 8. Wed. 9. Deceased: 12. Hymn: 14. Lapses: 17. Sale: 18. Foes.

DUMB-BELLS

Check Your Knowledge

1. Who directed "Johnny Belinda"?

2. With what do you associate the name of Duncan Phyfe?

3. What is photophobia?

4. For what flower is Holland celebrated?

5. What and where is the Rialto?

6. Define the term "inter alia."

(Answers in Column 3)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Was Very Puzzled

—He Didn't Understand About Ages—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were taking a walk down the road. By and by, they saw a little puppy.

"He's very young," Hanid said. "He's only six months old."

"That's not very old," said Knarf. A little further along the road, they saw a small girl. "Is she old?" asked Knarf.

"Not very," said Hanid. "But she's ten times as old as the puppy. She's five years old."

"That's pretty old," said Knarf. "But Hanid didn't think so.

"There's the little girl's mother," she said, pointing to the doorway of the house. She's five times as old as the little girl, and fifty times as old as the puppy. She's about twenty-five years old."

"My goodness!" said Knarf. "That girl's mother must be the oldest thing in the world!"

Not Very Old

"No, no," said Hanid. "She's not very old at all."

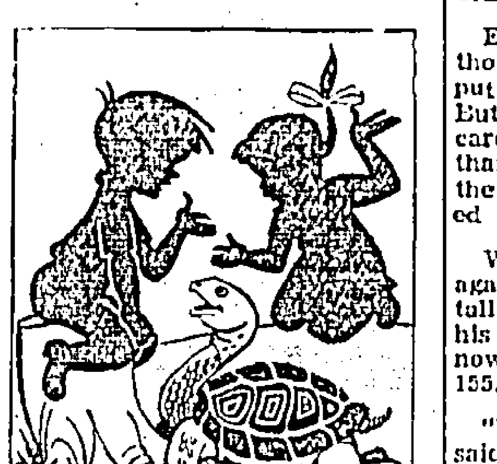
Just then, they saw an old man passing down the road. He had white hair and was leaning on a cane.

"How old is he?" Knarf asked. Hanid said she thought the old man must be about seventy years old.

"Nobody can be older than *him!*" said Knarf.

But Hanid only laughed. "Oh," she said, "lots of things are older. But Knarf didn't believe her until finally they heard a rustling in the grass. It was a tortoise.

"Good morning," Hanid said to the tortoise. "We'd like to know something."



Knarf asked about the turtle's age.

"Good morning," replied the tortoise. "What would you like to know?"

"We'd like to know how old you are."

"Well," replied the tortoise, scratching its head thoughtfully, "on my last birthday I was 200 years old."

"Are you the oldest thing in the world?" asked Knarf.

The tortoise shook its head, then pointed with its paw to an oak tree, standing nearby. "When I was young," said the tortoise, "that oak tree was already big and strong. I don't know how many birthdays it had but it's much, much older than I am."

By this time, Knarf—and Hanid, too—were positive that the oak tree was the oldest thing in the world. But they were suddenly surprised to hear a deep voice, coming from the trunk of the tree. It was the old oak talking:

"No, I'm not the oldest in the world, I've only had a few hundred birthdays."

"But what is the oldest thing in the world?" Knarf asked.

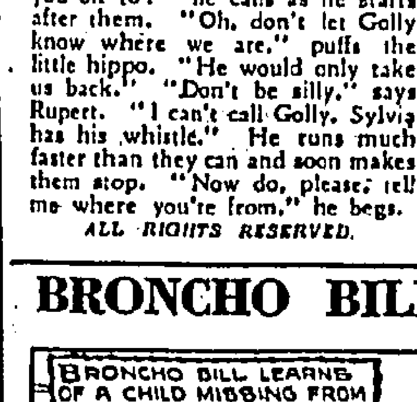
Small and White

"It's lying right at your feet," answered the old oak. "It's small and white. You can pick it up and put it in your pocket. You can throw it over the fence and it's thousands and millions of years old. It was here when this world began."

And when Knarf and Hanid looked down, they saw a tiny pebble, all white and clean and round and bright, just as though it were made yesterday.

And so Knarf and Hanid found the very oldest thing in the world. And Knarf picked it up and gave it to the puppy to play with on their way home.

Rupert & the live toys—11



To Rupert's amazement, the moment he mentions the Golliwog's name the little toys turn and scuttle away from him. "Hi, where are you off to?" he calls as he starts after them. "Oh, don't let Golly know where we are," puffs the little hippo. "He would only take us back." "Don't be silly," says Rupert. "I can't call Golly. Sylvia has his whistle." He runs much faster than they can and soon makes them stop. "Now do, please, tell me where you're from," he begs.

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UNUSUAL ANGLES

THE MODELS WITH THE BROAD SHOULDERS

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK.—All famous models aren't curvaceous lovelies carrying hat-boxes. There is also the broad-shouldered type with a brief case.

Male models somehow don't attract the publicity that the hat-box set gets. They don't, it seems, even get as much money for their work.

Erik Blythe is currently the top example of the men who grin successfully for the toothpaste companies, and look satisfactorily soulful in the hand lotion advertisements.

He's making a very tidy living at it, but not as much as the top cover girls get. They are paid US$20 an hour for their time. Erik gets $15 an hour. It may well be the only case in the land of men getting paid less than women for equal work.

Erik has no complaints. He doesn't feel his sex is being discriminated against.

"The girls have to invest so much more in their wardrobes to be successful models," he explained. "It's only fair that they get paid more." His own wardrobe consists of about two dozen suits, which he claims are all very conservative.

Neckties are about the most important part of a male model's equipment. That's where the brief case comes in. Erik carries an extra shirt, usually white, and several spare neckties along with him.

The first time Erik ever turned on his famous grin for a catalogue company, he had no intention of turning into a full-time model. He just needed a little extra cash until he could get an acting job.

"I suppose I had a very natural smile," he said modestly. "And I was also pretty thin, because I'd been living on hot dogs and orange juice, so I photographed well."

Makes Big Hit

He was a smash hit in the catalogue circles. Before long he was grinning happily out of almost every magazine. He held a pipe and looked like an outdoor man to sell tweeds. Or he donned white tie and tails and looked like a slightly bored, but definitely intriguing, man of society.

The white tie and tail pictures, incidentally, are favourites with the male models. They get paid $25 an hour for posing in them. A tuxedo shot brings $22.50 an hour.

Erik won't give his exact age, though his years of experience put him in the thirtyish class. But he says a male model's career span can be much longer than a girl's. The lines around the eyes and the slightly grayed temples only add distinction.

Weight is something else again. Erik is over six feet tall, but he's learned not to lose his appealing, lean look. Right now he weighs in at a lanky 155.

"When I put on weight," he said, "it goes right to my face."—United Press.

YOUR BIRTHDAY.... By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

BORN today, you are definitely inclined toward music and the arts. You also have dramatic talent. But, in addition, you are highly critical and have a keen sense of values. Hence, if you do not reach the top right away, you are apt to divert your gifts to some other field reserving your enjoyment of the arts as a hobby.

Extremely fond of travel, you will probably visit most of the far places of the earth. You enjoy the good things of life, but are not overextravagant in your expenditures. What you have must be of the best; but you are satisfied with comparatively little in the way of material goods.

Your sense of right and wrong is keen. Once you have made up your mind what is right, you will stick to your decision, come what may. Since your vision is clear and your intuitions strong, you rarely err in judgment. Strong in your likes and dislikes, you often take an aversion to a person or something. Once this happens, nothing can change you!

Sometimes you are more outspoken than is diplomatic, but your personal charm and magnetism make up for this bluntness—at times not untinged with wit. At heart you are kindly and domestic and will be happiest if you wed at an early age and have a home of your own. To wed in haste is something you should not do!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—A change, most likely for the better, should follow on the heels of some news. Advertising and book promotion is advocated.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Your patience should now be rewarded in increased betterment at home and at work. Be progressive now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—An active day, especially when it comes to new business ideas and agreements. Make real progress now.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A short business trip may bring an important advance in your prospects. Follow up yesterday's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A happy day for all your activities, especially those on the social front. Children can bring you happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—The more industry and energy you show the better today's results will be. Follow up previously made plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Activity is today's keynote. All things having to do with books and publishing are favoured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A short trip might bring happiness. Also good for social and romantic adventures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Only fair for business matters, but especially good for romance. Starting a trip might prove fortunate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—All should be harmonious on the domestic scene. Love and marriage are especially favoured, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A new idea can prove very profitable. Try it out today and see how well it works. Venture success.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Publicise a new idea and see how well it catches on! You can make conspicuous progress now if you try.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Jean Negulesco 2. Furniture making. 3. It is an abnormal intolerence, of light. 4. The tulip. 5. It is a famous bridge that crosses the Grand Canal at Venice. 6. Among other things.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THERE are to be experiments in "concentrating beer by freezing it." The result will probably be the issue of small beer-cubes to State Refreshment Hostels.

A drinker will show his counter-signed permit to the Catering Police at the door. He will then have his licence, pass, certificate, finger print card, references, letter of introduction and other credentials checked by the Reception Hostess, the Liquor Police, the Drink Inspectors and the Resident Controller. He will hand his money to a Deputy Controller, who will place it in a hygienic slot-machine. Meanwhile an Official Overseer will lead him to a chromium stool, and he will be handed two beer-cubes from the machine. He will be empowered, either to suck them on the spot or take them away if signed for.

Smart-Allick to Foulenough

. . . . LOOK HERE! Have you been writing to this nephew of yours? He's invented the lowest form of sneaking I've ever come across; in fact, he's an unpaid informer. The Soames gang is split in two over it. Soames lost his head, and we had the police in—a new lot we hadn't squared. Your nephew even came to me and told me that P—was working against me with L—and and when I offered him a quid, he said, bold as brass, that S—had told him I always used forged notes to bribe boys with. I caught him by the ear, and asked him if he imagined I was trying to buy his silence. And he said, "Yes. That's what Parker warned me against." The little beast is impossible! Before he left me, I said as graciously as I could, "Here's a *real* quid for you." He replied, "Real or forged, it's bribery, sir." I was so angry I couldn't speak.

In darkest Africa

The pencil he bought, he said, seemed to be just wood and nothing else. (News item.)

AS the old African proverb says, "You can drive a horse to the water, but a pencil must be lead."

—(London Express Service).

BRONCHO BILL

Chief's Approval

By Harry F. O'Neill

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Canada's Grain Surplus For Britain

Montreal, Apr. 21.—Britain will get record grain shipments from Canada this year because western flour manufacturers stored more than they needed for the winter.

Shippers said that the result and surplus will be shipped overseas.

Tens of thousands of bushels are being brought to Montreal elevators and storage companies estimate that they will have a total of about 6,000,000 bushels on hand by the time the first grain ship of the season docks at the port.—United Press.

RUBBER SLIGHTLY FIRMER

New York, Apr. 21.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed unchanged to two points higher on sales totalling 50 contracts.

Standard futures closed unchanged to two points higher on a nominal basis.

Minor fluctuations accompanied a slow trade today. Continued heaviness in securities and domestic business uncertainties brought scattered offerings at the close, but the list managed to close a shade better than the previous close.

The Spot market ruled correspondingly dull, partially reflecting the limited shipment offerings.

Apart from old lot purchases, dealers reported that factory interest was at sub-routine proportions.

The consensus of opinion still favours a trading market pending more decisive developments. Prices closed as follow:—

Standard Futures.	Contract	Rubber
April	18.38	nominal
May	18.37	„
June	18.26	„
July	18.16	„
August	18.05	„
September	17.95	bid
October	17.85	nominal
November	17.75	„
December	17.65	„
January (1950)	17.56	„
February	17.48	„
March	17.40	„
April	17.35	„
Standard Futures.	Contract	Rubber
April	18.38	nominal
May	18.37	„

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Apr. 21.

Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follow:—

May (in pence per lb.)	10⅛
July/September	10⅛
October/December	10⅛

—United Press.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Apr. 21.—Prices in the grains market on the Board of Trade here today closed as follow:—

WHEAT—price per bushel.	
May	2.24-¼-⅜
July	1.97-⅜-¼
September	1.97-¼
December	1.99-1.99-⅛
MAIZE	
May	1.35-¼-⅜
July	1.35-1.35-⅛
September	1.28-¾
December	1.17-⅝
RYE	
May	1.29-¾
July	1.31
WINNIPEG RYE	
May	1.24-⅛
July	1.24-⅛-¼
October	1.22-⅝
WINNIPEG BARLEY	
May	1.11-⅛
July	1.03-1.03-⅛
October	0.99-⅛

—United Press.

German Trade Agreement

Frankfurt, Apr. 21.—A trade agreement was concluded today between Argentina and the three western zones of Germany calling for US$58,800,000 in imports and exports.

According to the agreement, western Germany will import goods valued at US$33,800,000 from Argentina between April 25, 1949, and March 25, 1950.

The value of the exports from western Germany has been set at US$25,000,000.—United Press.

NY Seeds And Oils

New York, Apr. 21. Closing Prices

Castor seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Brazil.	US$103 nom.
Cotton seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Memphis.	40 nom.
Flax seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis.	6 nom.
Linseed oil, per lb. in tank cars, F.O.B. New York.	27.6 cents
Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York.	12⅛

—United Press.

Havenga Forecasts "Inevitable Change" In Price Of Gold

THOUSANDS PLANNING TO BENEFIT

Capetown, Apr. 21.—Mr Nicolaas Havenga, South African Minister of Finance, said today that thousands were planning to benefit from the "inevitable change" in the price of gold which, they saw, must come sooner or later.

The "manifest injustice" of the price of gold was being commented on in many quarters, he said.

Mr Havenga, was replying in the House of Assembly here to criticism by Mr Frederick Sturrock, former Finance Minister, during the budget debate, that he had spoken hopefully about the gold price.

"By keeping silent on this subject, I should not have been serving the best interests of South Africa and of our greatest export industry," the Finance Minister said.

Speaking of the Union's balance of payments and of import restrictions, the Minister said that South Africa still had a long way to go before the position was restored.

"It is likely that we may have to tide over the period until the import restrictions are in full effect by suspending our minimum reserves requirements, he said.

The amounts for which new commitments could be entered into for the first six months of the second quota year beginning July 1 would have to be cut to allow overdrafts to be worked off.

Not more than about £45,000,000 worth of new commitments could be undertaken for non-sterling imports and £40,000,000 for Sterling imports.

Once the overdraft had been cleared and the reserve restored, it would be possible to install new import quotas. The Government did not intend to retain import restrictions any longer than necessary, Mr Havenga added.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $179,750.00. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank,	1700		40 @ 1710
			20 @ 1710
INSURANCES			
Canton,	345		200 @ 355
Union,			100 @ 710
Underwriters,		0	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		125	
N. P. Wharf	5½	6½	
Provident,		15	
S'hai Dock,	8½		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel, XD	11½	12	500 @ 11¾
			800 @ 11¾
HK Land,	53½		100 @ 53½
S'hai Land,	2.10	2.55	
UTILITIES			
Tram, XD		17	
Star Ferry, XD		117	
C. Light (O).	13	13.40	1000 @ 13.20
			2500 @ 13.20
C. Light (N).	9	9.40	500 @ 9.40
			500 @ 9.20
			116 @ 9.20
Electric, XD		32½	1800 @ 32
Telephone	24		400 @ 25
			400 @ 25
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement, XD		31	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy XD		36	
Watson XD	43	44	1500 @ 44
			1600 @ 43½
COTTONS			
Ewo,		7.30	

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	Closing rates Apr. 21.
Argentine Peso (Official)	US$0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	.2005
Australia	3.23-¼
Brazil	.0560
Belgium	.0227-¾
Canada	.93-9/16
Chile	.0230
England	4.03-¼
France	.0031-5/16
India	.3024
Mexico	.1437
New Zealand	4.02
Peru	.0670
Portugal	.0404
South Africa	4.03-¼
Sweden	.2785
Switzerland	.2520
Uruguay	.4275
Venezuela	.3010
Netherlands	.3770
Batavia	.3775
Singapore	.4730
Hongkong	.2405
Shanghai	.0001

—United Press.

New York Metals

Closing prices Apr. 21

Iron ore (8-¼ percent iron) delivered lower port Lake Superior, per short ton	US$6.35-7.35
Copper (Electrolytic, Export) F.O.B. New York, per lb.	20 cts.
Zinc (Prime Western, New York) per lb.	13.70 cts.
Manganese (Electrolytic, 99.9 percent Manganese) delivered east of Mississippi River	32.00 cts.

—United Press.

JAPAN'S EXPORT TARGET

Tokyo, Apr. 21.—Mr J. Fujisawa, head of the Japanese Foreign Trade Bureau, today outlined Japan's import-export programme for the next fiscal year.

He said projected exports total US$800,000,000 of which textiles will account for 51 percent, machinery 14 percent, and metals nine percent.

Other items, such as glass, chinaware, miscellaneous goods, coal, cement, tinned goods, lumber, farm and marine products, medicine and chemicals, will range from one to six percent.

Mr Fujisawa said projected imports total US$1,040,000,000 including textiles, raw materials as the top item. About 850,000 bales of raw cotton, valued at $145,000,000, will be imported.—United Press.

KOREAN TRADE

Tokyo, Apr. 21.—Two American headquarters officials will fly to Seoul tomorrow to sign a new $80,000,000 Japan-Korea trade pact and financial arrangement formally renewing the economic ties between the two countries.

Dr Sherwood Fine, director of economics and finance in the headquarters staff, and Major A. J. Rehe, of the Adjutant-General's office, will represent Douglas MacArthur at the signing ceremonies on Saturday.

The agreement, reached here on March 24 by the Korean delegation and SCAP officials, is expected to facilitate the exchange of Japanese textile equipment, rubber and other manufactured products and machinery parts for Korean mineral ores, sea foods and possibly rice.

The trading will be on a basis of US dollars through the use of letters of credit and other customary banking procedures, the official announcement said.—United Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22
Closing Times By Air

Hoihow, Nanking, Tsingtao, Swatow, Amoy and Taipeh, 3.30 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, USA & Canada, 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Posts for Manila, Honolulu and USA. (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (Printed Matters, Samples and Small Packet Posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA. (CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.

Shanghai, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Shanghai, 3 p.m.

Haiphong, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
Closing Times By Air

Swatow and Amoy, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).

Shanghai, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).

Manila, 11.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Tsingtao, Chungking, Taipeh, Kunming and Calcutta, 3.30 p.m.

Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Manila, 2 p.m.

Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane, 3 p.m.

Straits, Aden, Egypt and Parcels only for Marseilles, 3 p.m.

Ceylon, Madagascar and United Kingdom via London, 4 p.m. (par); 5 p.m. (reg & ord).

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, USA, Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), 5 p.m. (par, reg & ord).

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
Closing Times By Air

Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m.

Nanking, Tsingtao, Foochow, Tainan, Kunming and Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 10 a.m.

Haiphong, Hanoi, Saigon and Paris, 10 a.m.

Dutch Offer To Indonesians

SUBJECT TO TWO CONDITIONS

Batavia, Apr. 21. — The Dutch Government will agree to the return of the Indonesian Republican Government to their former capital of Jogjakarta provided the Republicans agree to two commitments, a Dutch spokesman said here today.

Dr F. H. Van Royen, chief Dutch delegate to a conference with the Indonesian Republicans under the auspices of the United Nations, said the conditions were:

1.—The Republican Government undertaking to order their adherents to cease guerilla warfare and co-operate in the restoration of peace and the maintenance of law and order.

2.—An agrement on the date and conditions for a round-table conference at The Hague.

Dr Roem, the Republican delegation leader, said his delegation would comment at the next meeting on the Dutch statement.

Authoritative Republican sources said the Republican stand-point remained that at the present talks the Republicans could only discuss the practical details of the restoration of the Republican Government at Jogjakarta.

(The Dutch seized Jogjakarta four months ago when they launched their second police action just before Christmas).

REPUBLICAN DEMAND

Dr Van Royen did not reply today to the Republican views submitted on Saturday on the procedure and details of the Republican Government's return. Usually well-informed sources expected a sharp difference of view on this.

Unconfirmed reports said the Republicans had asked that their Government should be restored as a full sovereign Government with all the attributes of sovereignty. Dutch sources said this was a demand that The Netherlands delegation could not concede.

Dr Van Royen said today that his delegation had made "strenuous efforts" to reply in great detail to the points raised by the Republicans but the reply was not ready yet.

Hopes for a successful outcome of the conference were not markedly high today in any quarter. Authoritative Republican sources said they had no room left for concession. They quoted Dr Mohammed Hatta, the Prime Minister, as having said that by sending a delegation to the talks he had gone as far as his present authority permitted. Any pre-commitment on a cease-fire and round-table conference might endanger Republican unity.

DECISION NEXT WEEK?

Some observers expected the talks to reach a head next week. They thought the Republicans had much in mind Indonesia's position on the agenda of the United Nations General assembly and that they would wish the talks to succeed or fail in time for the results to be discussed there.

The Prime Minister of East Indonesia, Anakagung, and the Prime Minister of Pasundan, Djumhana, both Republican sympathisers, planned to discuss the participation of non-Republican groups in the talks, according to Republican sources.

Dutch sources said the two Premiers would urge a compromise. The fact that no date has been fixed for the next Dutch-Republican meeting was thought to mean that the Republican delegation was considering another visit to Banka before replying to Dr Van Royen's statement of today.—Reuter.

They're Cave Divers

"Cave diving" is the latest craze among that tough breed of men who became almost a legend during the war as "Frogmen." Caves, hundreds of feet below the English countryside, are being explored by these intrepid, rubber-clad men, who are seen here adjusting their oxygen apparatus before going deeper into the Wookey Hole caves, Somerset. Although these dangerous excursions have been going on since 1946, no accidents had occurred until last week-end, when ex-Frogman James Ingram-Marriott—a veteran of the Royal Marines, who spent 500 hours underwater during the war—died because his oxygen was exhausted. He was one of a cave diving group who are making monthly explorations into the black, silent waters of Wookey Hole caves, 700 feet below ground.—London Express Service.

HIROHITO'S BIRTHDAY GIFT

Tokyo, Apr. 21.—Emperor Hirohito, on his 49th birthday Friday next week, will give away a "birthday gift" of 190,400 yen—about US$500.

The Imperial gift marking the occasion will be distributed among 542 welfare organisations throughout Japan—slightly less than a dollar going to each.—United Press.

Gaol For Berlin Gang

Berlin, Apr. 21.—A Berlin gang leader, Max ("Climbing Maxie") Heinrich, and 17 associates, were today sentenced to prison terms totalling over 56 years, ending the city's largest mass trial since the war.

They were found guilty of 176 thefts and robberies in the city's different sectors. Six of the 55 original defendants were granted amnesties during the trial, and one was acquitted, but 36 simply failed to appear for the trial and were believed to have found it "less bother" to remain in the Eastern sector.

Max Heinrich, aged 37, received nine years' hard labour, and his principal assistant, 24-year old Hans Pel, seven years. Heinrich's young wife was shot dead by a police officer last year when trying to shield her escaping husband.—Reuter.

Can't Afford 4-Room Houses

Washington Apr. 21—Senator Robert Taft (Republican for Ohio) told the Senate today that 45 per cent of the American people could not afford to build a four-room house, which he estimated would cost about $7,000.

He urged the approval of a housing measure which would authorise the Government to help to finance the building of 810,000 public housing units during the next six years, authorise loans and grants for slum clearance, and propose a four-year farm housing programme.—Reuter.

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE CHESTER

London, Apr. 21.—Sir George Chester, a trade union leader, made a Governor of the Bank of England last month in place of Mr George Gibson, died today. As a member of the Trade Union Congress Council, he travelled widely in Europe. He was 63.

Mr Gibson resigned as a Bank of England director after the hearings of the Lynskey Tribunal, which investigated allegations of corruption in Government circles.—Reuter.

POCKET CARTOON

"Yes—he's definitely got a temperature!"

Manoeuvres Bring Fatal Accident

Nuremberg, Apr. 21.—The first fatal accident in the United States Army's spring manoeuvres in Germany occurred today when a Thunderbolt fighter aircraft crashed into high tension wires, killing the pilot.

Tomorrow is D-Day for the 70,000 United States troops taking part in the exercises. Tonight they completed a strategic withdrawal, begun on Monday. Tomorrow they will counter-attack from entrenched positions on the west bank of the Ludwig Canal in Bavaria, which they will cross on three specially-constructed bridges. They will be screened from the mythical enemy by smoke produced by chemical units.

The United States Army announced today that it is planning to hold exercises in the autumn with its forces in Germany divided into opposing armies. The present manoeuvres, in which no ammunition of any type is being used, consist chiefly of logistical problems with only an imaginary enemy.—Reuter.

Armistice Talks Deadlocked

Haifa, Apr. 21.—It was reported here today that the Syrian-Israeli armistice conference was deadlocked over conflicting demands for boundaries.

At Roshpinah, Syrian and Jewish delegates argued over Syrian-held position inside the former mandatory Palestine boundaries.

Lieut-Colonel Mordecai Makleb said Israel insisted that the positions be restored to Israel. However, the Syrians reportedly insisted on retaining their Western Galilee hill positions until final peace settlement was made.—United Press.

London, Apr. 21.—Sir Walter Westley Russell, portrait and landscape painter, and former keeper of the Royal Academy, has died here, aged 81.—Reuter.

Yangtse Incidents Give New Note To Commonwealth Talks

London, Apr. 21.—The Chinese Communist attacks on British warships in the Yangtse injected a new note of urgency into the opening conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Although the conference is primarily interested in solving the question of India's future membership, sources said the Yangtse attack "could well be a gesture of defiance or a Communist answer to the Commonwealth conference."

Sources directly concerned with Southeast Asian affairs said they believed the Communists deliberately attacked the British ships for two reasons:

1. To prompt the withdrawal of foreign warships from the Yangtse.

2. To impress Asiatics that China's Communists are strong enough to defy a Western power.

Informed circles said the new Communist offensive must influence the Commonwealth conference if only for the fact that five of the eight countries participating are in Southern Asia.

REQUEST FOR AID

It was reported that the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, had conferred with the Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers before they departed for London and had asked both to request British aid for Burma's fight against the Communist rebels.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and the British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, conferred privately all afternoon. Earlier, Mr Attlee had served drinks for the visitors and talked privately with the Canadian Foreign Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, Mr Liaquat Ali Khan of Pakistan and Mr Peter Fraser of New Zealand.

Simultaneously, the British Foreign Minister, Mr Ernest Bevin, received the Burmese Ambassador U Ohn. They reportedly discussed the rebellion in Burma.—United Press.

Greek Rebels' Peace Appeal

Rome, Apr. 21.—The rebel Greek radio, heard in Trieste, was reported today to have broadcast an appeal to the United Nations for peace in Greece.

The broadcast was monitored by the Italian news agency, Astra, in Trieste.

Astra reported that the guerillas promised "the greatest concessions" in order to bring about peace "although the guerilla army is invincible."

The appeal to the United Nations broadcast, the repot said, asked "all democrats of the world to unite to bring an end to the fratricidal war in Greece."—Associated Press.

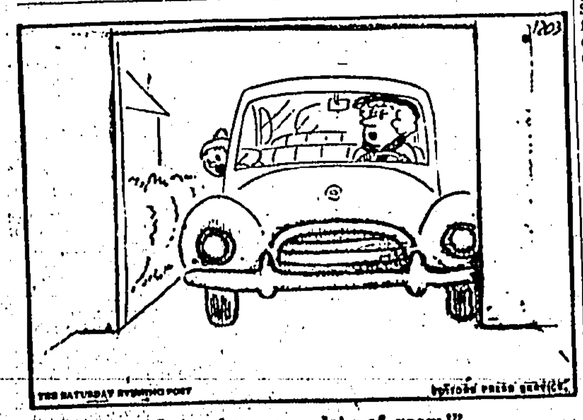
LUXURY SHIPS MAY RETURN

Washington, Apr. 21.—The U.S. Maritime Commission is studying proposed financial arrangements to complete reconversion of two luxury liners formerly in the trans-Pacific trade. The vessels are the Mariposa and Monterey, 18,000-ton passenger craft.

Government authorities said reconversion was halted some time ago by rising costs.

It is understood the Maritime Commission is considering taking over the remaining conversion costs.

The reconverted ships would be leased to private operators. Oceanic Steamship Company and American President Lines are understood to have expressed interest. — Associated Press.



"Lots of room — lots of room!"

Zilliacus Offers A No War Assurance

Paris, Apr. 21.—Mr Konni Zilliacus, Labour Member of Parliament, told 1,500 Communist and left wing delegates here today that Britain would "never go to war" while she had a Labour Government.

Representatives of 50 nations at the second session of the "World Peace Conference" here applauded loudly when Mr Zilliacus said: "I do not believe that any Government in Britain can take our people into a war within the next few years and after that it will be too late."

M. Alexander Fadeev, author and leader of the Russian delegation, said he did not believe war was imminent. War had come as "a reality for tomorrow," he said. A new armaments race had begun in many Western European countries and in the United States.

World maps revealed the growth of a huge ring of military bases passing through Greenland, Iceland, Britain, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Greece, the Near and the Middle East, the Pacific Islands, China and Japan.

The existence of these bases was a menace to world peace, he claimed.—Reuter.

Basic Wage Claim

Canberra, Apr. 21.—The Australian Arbitration Court will consider on May 17 a claim by the Council of Trade Unions for a basic wage of £10 a week for men and women in the industry. The unions have also asked for an immediate interim increase of £2 a week on present rates until the full increase is made.—Reuter.

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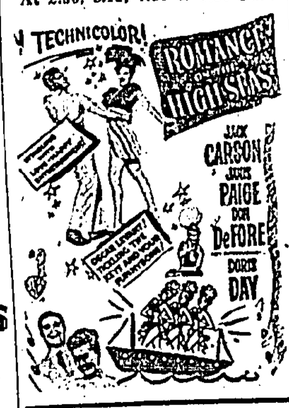

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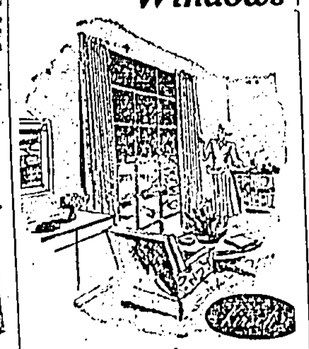

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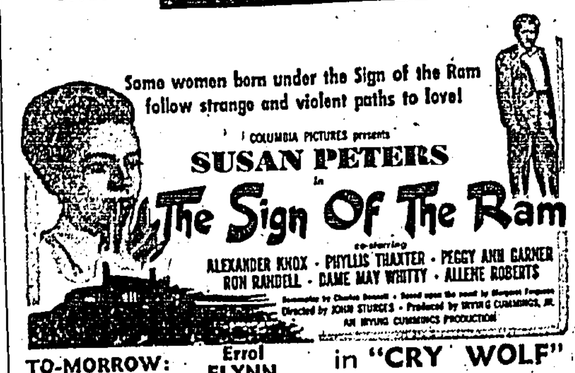

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 23rd April, 1949, at Noon, for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 14th April, 1949 to 23rd April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1949.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Charles Andrew Sutherton Russ and James Charles Stewart Solicitors of Hong Kong on the 11th of April, 1949, entered into a Partnership Agreement and that from the 1st of May, 1949, they will carry on the practice of solicitors at Wang Hing Building, No. 10, Queen's Road, Central, 2nd floor, under the style or firm name of C. A. Sutherton Russ and Stewart—Telephone No. 27735.

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